



MORI poll shows most in favour of Tory leader fighting next election

Go for fourth term, voters tell Thatcher

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, on course last night for her third clear election victory, has won an astonishing endorsement from Britain's electors.

cent felt that Mrs Thatcher should resign before the next election 52 per cent said that she should lead her party into that contest too.

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to fight against a further round of Tory government to enable individual trades unionists to stop their unions calling them out on strike without a secret ballot. Only 16 per cent were against such an idea.

Results special tomorrow

Tomorrow The Times rounds off its unrivalled coverage of the general election by publishing a 16-page comprehensive guide to the election results and to the new House of Commons which the nation elected yesterday.

The special supplement will contain a quick-reference checklist of the 650 Members of Parliament and their constituencies, full voting figures and swings since the 1983 election and short profiles of each Member of Parliament.

In the centre of the guide will be a comprehensive analysis of how Britain voted and why - ranging from the historical significance of the election to the short-term movements of public opinion during the recent weeks of the campaign.

The Times will also carry full and penetrating reporting of what the next government is likely to do - and who will be most likely to be sitting round the Cabinet table making those decisions.

Parties analyse weather factor

By Nicholas Wood Political Reporter

The political dogfight continued unabated yesterday with the two big parties disagreeing about how the cool, showery weather over much of the country would affect their support in the general election.

A spokesman at Conservative Central Office suggested the threatening skies would have persuaded many Labour voters to stay at home.

But at Labour Party headquarters a spokesman said that the impression was that polling had been "fairly brisk".

An impartial view came from the London Weather Centre, which reported a lot of showers, thunderstorms ranging from London to Manchester and Angelsey in Wales, and a cool day right across the country as north-easterly winds made a dash to the polling booth a hazardous business.

A spokesman said he doubted conditions had been bad enough to affect the turnout. "With dry periods between the showers most people have been able to get out and vote."

A high turnout was expected in the South-West where Mr Peter Gower, the Conservative Western agent, described voting as "brisk".

In the North-West, a swift voting pattern was reported with some constituencies recording 28 per cent of the electorate turning out by early afternoon, compared with a norm of 12 per cent in past years.

But in Ulster, voting started slowly with many polling stations reporting only a trickle of people. Some were almost deserted.



Mrs Thatcher giving a confident wave as she and husband Denis leave Westminster polling station.

Alliance voters want merger of two parties

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Most voters, including the vast majority of Alliance supporters, believe that the Liberal and Social Democratic parties should merge, according to The Times MORI poll.

Eighty per cent of Alliance backers questioned said the two parties should merge.

But just as important, after the Alliance's disappointing campaign showing, 65 per cent of all voters think the two parties should become one.

Both Dr David Owen, who has always opposed a merger, and Mr David Steel, who is far keener on the idea, have promised that a merger will be discussed after the election.

Yesterday's survey will add to the pressure on party leaderships to do so at the earliest opportunity, at the two parties' conferences in the autumn.

One of the Alliance's greatest difficulties has been that opponents have been able to make capital out of policy divergences between the two. It was the breach over defence last summer which greatly dented its popularity at a critical time.

It is argued by the strongest supporters of an Alliance merger, who include Mr Roy Jenkins, the former SDP lead-

er, that such problems could be largely removed if the parties were one under one leader.

The joint Alliance leadership has not been the boost party strategists hoped it would be at the outset of the campaign. The joint television

appearances were reduced after both leaders agreed that they often looked uncomfortable or, in the words of Mr Steel like Tweedledum and Tweedledee.

But in the heady days before the election when a majority Alliance government was at least being talked about Mr Steel and Dr Owen agreed that the prime minister would be the leader of the party with the most MPs.

If Mr Steel stays on as Liberal leader in the event of the Alliance failing to make a breakthrough, he would become the favourite to become Alliance leader if the decision was to merge.

Dr Owen's public argument against merger was that the two parties should maintain separate identities. But it has been felt that there are parts of the Liberal Party, particularly the CND wing, with which he has nothing in common.

In the MORI poll 65 per cent of voters said the two parties should merge, 23 per cent that they should not and 12 per cent were of no opinion.

Among Alliance supporters, 80 per cent said they should merge, 16 per cent said they should not, and 4 per cent were of no opinion.

Concorde successor planned

By Harvey Elliot

British scientists are developing a revolutionary aero engine which could power a successor to the Concorde.

Rolls Royce has set up a team to design the engine which would enable a new supersonic passenger jet to fly at up to 80,000 feet at three times the speed of sound.

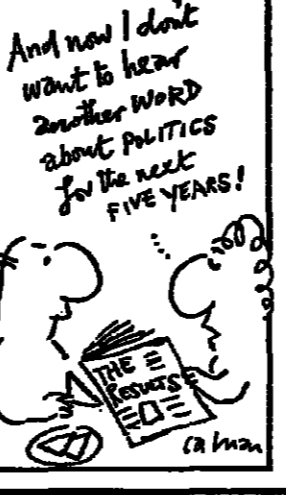
The engine would not only be far more economical to run than the Olympus which now powers Concorde, but it would be one of the quietest engines on take-off and landing.

Rolls-Royce researchers are convinced that by changing the way the engine takes in oxygen between low and high level flight, they can reduce noise dramatically. And by using new composite materials at the front of the engine and ceramics at the hot back end, they can reduce its weight, increase its power and cut its fuel consumption.

If the research proves successful, a supersonic aircraft could be flying as a successor to Concorde within 15 years.

Until recently it had been assumed that the environmental and commercial problems associated with super-

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City awaits foreign flood

City dealers were remaining at their desks throughout the night in anticipation of the flood of foreign money expected to pour into London if a Conservative victory was confirmed.

In thin trading yesterday, the FT 30-share index finished 11.4 lower at 1,740.8 Page 22

Cricket threat

Cricketers gave a warning yesterday that they would take action if they were denied the right to work in South Africa by the International Cricket Conference.

Portfolio Gold

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Includes Home News, Election reports, Overseas, Business, Sport, Arts, Births, deaths, marriages, City Diary, Court, Crosswords, Diary, Entertainment, Features, Information, Law Report, Leading articles, Letters, Motoring, Obesity, Sale room, Schools, Science, TV & Radio, Weather.

No prosecutions on ferry tragedy

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Neither Townsend Thoresen nor any officer on the Herald of Free Enterprise are to be prosecuted by the Department of Transport in the British courts over the capsizing at Zeebrugge.

This was made clear yesterday by Mr Richard Stone, QC, for the Department of Transport, when he told the inquiry into the disaster that there was no intention to prosecute.

The inquiry, which is due to end today, has the power to recommend that officers' professional certificates be withdrawn or downgraded. It is understood that no decision has yet been taken about possible prosecutions in the Belgian courts.

A demand that when the recommendations of the inquiry are published they should "not be shunted off into an international talking shop" was made by Mr Charles Haddon-Cave, representing the surviving passengers and families of those who died.

Iran orders out more diplomats

By Nicholas Beeston

Iran yesterday ordered four British diplomats to leave Tehran within 72 hours in reprisal for Britain's decision on Wednesday to reduce the Iranian mission in London by two diplomats.

As the diplomatic row between the two countries entered its third week, it became clear yesterday that relations are set to deteriorate further as Britain prepares retaliatory action.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said yesterday before flying home from a Nato meeting in Reykjavik that the expulsions were "totally unjustified".

Foreign Office sources say a further reduction of Iranian staff in London appears inevitable.

The Britons expelled yesterday were: Mr Victor Welbourn, a First Secretary; Mr John McDonald, a Second Secretary; Mr John Thornton, a registry officer; and Mrs Marilyn McLaren, a secretary.

Reagan optimism on arms treaty

From Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent, Venice

President Reagan yesterday expressed optimism over prospects for an East-West nuclear arms reduction treaty and said he thought that Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, had economic reasons for needing a success.

Speaking at a press conference in Venice while Nato foreign ministers discussed Mr Gorbachev's "double zero" arms control offer in Reykjavik, the President said long experience had made him hesitant about optimistic predictions.

"But I cannot deny that I believe there is an increased opportunity for a summit conference, and an increased opportunity for actual reductions of armaments, particularly of the nuclear kind."

He added that Mr Gorbachev "has some pretty practical reasons for why he would like to see a successful outcome."

The President gave a guarded answer when asked if he trusted the Soviet leader. "He's a personable gentleman but I cited to him the Russian proverb *doveroyal no proveryai*. It means 'trust, but verify.'"

Mr Reagan provoked a sharp fluctuation in the value of the dollar on some currency markets by appearing to suggest that his Administration could accept some further fall in its value.

Most of us believe that the dollar should remain stable. It could be still reason that there could still be some lowering of the value in relation to other currencies. But we do want to control inflation, continuing to bring it down," he said.

A White House spokesman quickly issued a correction, saying that there was no change in policy and that the President had meant that the Administration wanted a stable dollar.

Within minutes of the President's remark the dollar fell to 1.792 West German marks.

An office with a jester runs faster on laughter

By Howard Foster

Frustrated Jasper Carrott and Rowan Atkinson can take heart. The unofficial post of "office comedian" is to assume new importance as a way of relieving harmful stress and increasing motivation at work.

Both senior managers and office boys can benefit from the occasional witty riposte or even lampoon according to Dr Audrey Livingston Booth, director of the Stress Syndrome Foundation.

smiling at difficult times of the day and to perform periodically in front of the company chairman to help him to see, in a light hearted way, how the staff regards him.

"I can remember at university how, when the workload got heavy, I used to side up to a particularly witty friend and have a chat with him," Dr Livingston Booth said.

"Then, later in the day, the laughter would come bubbling up and defuse the stress."

launch National Motivation Week, which begins next week and aims to motivate employers and workers.

The week has the backing of senior industrialists and politicians from the main three parties.

She advocates lifting the spirits before rising by setting the alarm 15 minutes early and listening to a favourite piece of music.

Hints on how to cope with anger and frustration include hanging a punchbag in a cupboard and hitting it hard before you explode.

Dr Livingston Booth admits that she has yet to find an office or company that uses laughter as a positive means of reducing stress.

"We are still a long way from it, but it is important and it is up to the individual to introduce humour to help at work", she said.

THE MARINE QUAY Salcombe, South Devon. Advertisement for seaside apartments with details on amenities, prices, and contact information.

NEWS SUMMARY

Cancer sufferer given transplant

A patient with lung cancer has been given a heart and lung transplant in what is thought to be the first operation of its kind.

Hairspray drew bees

A swarm of bees that stung a mother and her baby more than 70 times was attracted by the woman's hair conditioner.

Meningitis death

A boy aged 12 has died of the brain disease meningitis, while his friend, aged 14, is seriously ill in hospital.

The two boys, who attended Astor of Haver secondary school in Maidstone, Kent, fell ill after a half-term camping holiday with six friends at Waterbury near by.

TV writ struck off

An attempt by Mr Stuart Holmes, an anti-smoking campaigner, to sue Mr Michael Checkland (right), the BBC director-general, was branded "frivolous and vexatious" in the High Court yesterday.

Cycle fines refunded

Six hundred Oxford cyclists have received news that they will be refunded £12 fines for failing to use lights on their bikes at night.

Civil Servants 'took contractors' bribes'

Civil Servants were bribed with holidays abroad in return for favouring contractors with work at famous public buildings including Hampton Court and St James's Palace.

Tornado sales may be boosted by Luftwaffe

The three-nation Tornado aircraft programme is set to receive another boost with a possible order for at least 40 by the West German Luftwaffe air force.

School governor wins court battle

A community leader yesterday won his High Court battle with a Labour-run council for the right to remain as a school governor.

Man cleared of coal board corruption

A building contractor who denied bribing officials of British Coal to get preferential treatment was cleared of 11 deception and corruption charges by a jury at Nottingham Crown Court yesterday.

Police shortages strike at murder hunt

The Home Office has told some forces that their programmes to recruit more civilians are inadequate.

Solicitors pull out of on-call duty for 'fair pay'

Discontent over rates of pay for on-call work as duty solicitors are leaving courts and police stations in parts of Britain uncovered by schemes to provide crime suspects with free legal advice.

Under the two national schemes, an on-call solicitor must be available to advise suspects at police stations and in court.

Mr Anthony Keenan, chairman of the London Criminal Courts' Solicitors' Association, has pulled out of his local court scheme.

Children swamp museum

The crocodiles of small children which queue to inspect diplodocus carnegii, the 10 tonne dinosaur at the Natural History Museum, are to have their tails cut off.

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Conservation conference

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However association members feel that those programmes, under which non police staff are employed for clerical and similar jobs so that officers are left free for police work, have gone as far as they can.



Miss Michele Derrick, the model for 13 neo-classical statues, with Mr Guy Portelli, of Tonbridge, Kent, who sculpted them. The figures, cast in Portland stone bonded with resin, are to be placed on the London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

School visits

A museum spokesman said yesterday: "We get complaints from O and A level students and nursery nurses studying human biology at the exhibition near the main hall because the younger children are all over the place."

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Union's fight for dock rail role

The electricians' union is preparing to travel to the TUC conference in Blackpool ready to defend its attempt to win a key prize in the field of organized labour.

The Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union is trying to become the only union to represent the 100 "train captains" who will operate the new London Docklands Light Railway due to open next month.

But behind that move is the possibility of its becoming the dominant union in the revitalized London docklands development area where employment could increase from 80,000 to 165,000 by the middle of the next decade.

The EETPU has infuriated the three "traditional" rail unions, the National Union of Railwaymen, the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association and the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen by putting forward a case for representation.

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London school strike call

Teachers in inner London hope to close all 1,000 schools in the capital next Tuesday in the protest against a plan by the London Education Authority to force surplus teachers to move to where they are needed.

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Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including "Mori in h say", "Irish he", "Policeman ave aid to ding man", and "English lamb".

Morale at low ebb in hospitals crisis say senior doctors

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Inadequate funding on hospital services has led to declining standards and a "tragic" deterioration of morale, leading consultants said yesterday.

Mr Michael Gilkes, a consultant ophthalmologist in Brighton, said he had never before experienced such low morale in the National Health Service.

Speaking at the British Medical Association's consultants conference in London, Mr Gilkes made an impassioned appeal to the next government to face up to reality.

"In no time during my 34 years as a consultant have I and my contemporary colleagues been more desirous of coming to the end of our time. At no time have we been sorer for those coming in, too late to carry on from us," he said.

"At no time have we been constantly faced with the dilemma, when we actually have a patient there in front of us, of whether we can provide what that patient needs."

Mr Gilkes accused Sir Roy Griffiths, the Prime Minister's adviser on health, of failing to face up to that dilemma at a recent meeting with members of the association's consultants committee.

He said he told Sir Roy that he was constantly presented with the choice of treating a patient aged 80 with cataracts, a woman with breast cancer, a broken hip after a fall in the street or a 12-week abortion.

"Sir Roy said that it was up to me to decide. I said no. One of the problems of morale is that we cannot decide if it is an individual patient," Mr Gilkes said.

"If anyone questions why morale is sinking, tragically sinking, then I would say that they have no idea of reality."

Dr Bob Buckland, a consultant anaesthetist at the Royal Hampshire Hospital, Winchester, said that districts all over the country were reporting recurring bed closures, reduced operating times and staff shortages as a result of financial pressures.

Anaesthetists in his own department had recently been exhorted to use less of two effective drugs because the hospital could not afford them.

"We do not use them because they are expensive," Dr Buckland said. "We use them because they are safer, cause less morbidity and reduce length of stay in hospital."

Dr Buckland said the hos-

pital management boards' main function was to keep costs down to a minimum. There was no money to replace medical and surgical equipment although his department alone needed £70,000 a year just to stand still.

The hospital had delayed opening a five-day ward because it could not afford the staff to run it and an operating theatre had remained closed for seven months in a neighbouring new hospital for the same reason.

The meeting overwhelmingly supported a motion deploring the fact that the funding of the acute sector had failed to meet the increased demand for services.

Mr Paddy Ross, chairman of the consultants committee, later urged ministers to think again about their proposals for open or even limited access to medical records.

Mr Ross said the practical implications were overwhelming. A draft administrative check list for open access included 35 items, he said.

"I urge ministers, whoever they may be after today, to listen to reason and seek exemption of medical records under the Data Protection Act."

Falconry centre spreads wings to greet Princess



A white-bellied sea eagle, one of many rare birds of prey at the Falconry Centre, Newent, Gloucestershire, which Princess Anne is to visit on Tuesday, returning yesterday to the hand of Mr Simon Brough, curator of birds (Photograph: Peter Trivnor).

Irish health strike widens

By Richard Ford

Hospitals throughout the Irish Republic will be reduced to emergency services only from tomorrow as non-consultant doctors extend a strike over health cuts and conditions of service.

The dispute is already affecting 33 hospitals and is a challenge to the minority government of Mr Charles Haughey, which has refused to negotiate directly with the doctors.

The worst crisis in the nation's health service is occurring because the Fianna Fail government has refused to make concessions to anyone.

It fears that doing so would destroy its credibility and the tough stance it is taking in public spending cuts aimed at

restoring order to the country's finances.

Mr Haughey's administration is bracing itself for more nationwide protests over cuts in spending on education, and its future budgetary strategy is expected to mean further public expenditure reductions.

A letter from Mr Haughey to his cabinet ministers, leaked recently, urged them to look again at their departmental estimates adding: "No expenditure should be regarded as sacrosanct and immune to elimination or reduction."

The government has allocated £1.3 billion (about £1.1 billion for the health service) in 1987.

A meeting of 708 non-consultant hospital doctors

(NCHD's) voted in a secret ballot by 686 to 22 to extend the strike from tomorrow.

The country's 15 private hospitals are unaffected. Routine admissions, outpatients' clinics and other services will close with consultants providing emergency services.

The Irish Medical Organization, representing the non-consultant doctors expects its 1,600 members to back the strike.

The stoppage is about cuts that will mean the loss of 200 jobs and an increase in the number of hours worked.

Dr Timothy Collins, the organization's vice-president, said that there were worse health cuts to come and called for negotiations to prevent the dispute escalating tomorrow.

Diners say waiters beat them

Diners in a Chinese restaurant were attacked by a group of Chinese waiters with knives, chairs and pieces of wood, a woman told Southwark Crown Court yesterday.

Miss Sharon Kim Pryor, aged 20, a greengrocer from Dagenham, Essex, told the court that the party of Englishmen were on the floor and the Chinese were beating them with knives, chair legs and pieces of wood.

Miss Pryor was giving evidence on the second day of the trial of five waiters who deny unlawful fighting and an affray last June.

She told the court she had gone to the West End with friends for a Chinese meal. They had arrived at the Diamond Restaurant, Leicester Square, at about 11 pm.

Miss Pryor said she and her friends had finished their meal when one of the friends said a fight had started in the restaurant. She could not see the Englishmen, who must have been on the floor, but she could see the Chinese men, breaking legs off chairs and hitting the Englishmen.

There was a room near by and she saw a couple of the Chinese men coming out of it with knives.

"When that happened I was just very scared and I could not look any more as there was blood everywhere", she said.

Miss Pryor said the Chinese seemed to get a bit worried when one Englishman said he was from the Foreign Office. Then the police had arrived.

Earlier, one of the Englishmen said he and his friends had gone to the restaurant for a meal shortly after midnight.

Mr Matthew Robert Winward, a builder, denied that the reaction of his group was aggressive when they discovered they could not have drinks, or that there had been swearing.

The trial was adjourned until today.

Live grenade used in game

Six boys who found a Second World War live hand grenade on waste ground in Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, tossed it to each other like a ball and tried to pull the pin.

Mr Edward Byrne, aged 43, a lorry driver, realized the danger and took the rusty grenade from them.

Stronger barrier tested for M-way

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

A motorway crash barrier capable of preventing not only cars, as the present ones do, but lorries and coaches from crossing the central reservation has been developed and tested.

One limited government survey showed that 14 per cent of all vehicles crashing into the central motorway barriers were lorries and coaches.

One in 10 of the lorries was exceeding the 60mph speed limit.

This week a London-to-Glasgow express coach flattened a 200 feet section of the central barrier on the M1 before crossing the central reservation as well as the opposite carriageway. However, it hit no oncoming traffic.

The present barriers are designed to "redirect safely" a 1.5 tonne car travelling at 70mph and striking the barrier at an angle of 20 degrees.

Safety experts emphasize that the barriers have in the past "held quite heavy vehicles" in motorway

crashes. A large lorry weighs up to 38 tonnes.

Research by the Government's Transport and Road Research Laboratory shows that the existing barriers are able to restrain 60 per cent of lorries and coaches.

The laboratory has designed and tested a stronger "high containment" barrier which employs either twice the width or twice the height of an existing "open-box" safety fence, a type used at present around bridge parapets.

It is thought that the stronger barrier may in some cases increase head injuries sustained by car occupants, and damage to cars.

The Department of Transport is being sued over allegedly faulty barriers by Miss Samantha Von Kotze, a survivor of an accident on the M4 last year in which 13 people died.

The British Standards Institute is expected to introduce a code of practice soon, on the way barriers should be put up, and how details of design could be improved.

Breeder denies theft of pet dog

A top dog breeder was accused yesterday of stealing a company director's pet dog.

Mrs Phyllis Colgan, aged 39, was alleged to have snatched the dog after it escaped from the garden of its owner, Mr Mark Jones.

Mr David Stokes, for the prosecution, told Bury St Edmunds Crown Court, that Mrs Colgan bundled the dog into a car while two accomplices pinned Mr Jones against a wall.

He said the incident came after an argument in which Mrs Colgan, an international show judge, accused Mr Jones of being unfit to own a dog.

Mrs Colgan, of Bury St Edmunds, denied robbing Mr Jones of an 18-month-old Newfoundland bitch, called Karazan Dolly Daydream.

Mr Stokes told the court that Mr Jones bought the animal from Mrs Colgan for £150. Some weeks later when Dolly escaped he asked Mrs

Colgan to look out in case she returned to the kennels. When the dog was traced Mrs Colgan ordered Mr Jones to return her and when he refused threatened to bring the police to fetch the dog.

Shortly afterwards Mr Jones was walking Dolly when he was pinned to a wall by two men.

Mr Stokes told the court that Mrs Colgan told police she was the dog's legal owner. The case continues.

Oxford discipline Exam parties toe the line

By Andrew Morgan

Students at Oxford University have scaled new heights of decorum this week in their post-examination celebrations.

Hardly a bottle of Dom Perignon or a smidgen of flour has polluted the city streets.

Yesterday, friends of Mr Neil Mason, from University College, headed a letter from the proctors, responsible for discipline, calling for an end to "boorish behaviour".

They waited until Mr Mason, finishing his finals in Politics, Philosophy and Economics, put a toe inside the college door before showering him with Moët & Chandon, shaving foam and plastic string.

In an alley next to the examinations school, Miss Corinne Cummings lay in wait before covering Mr Owen Richards, a fellow student at St Peter's, with champagne.

The police were pleased, as were the proctors, who had written to all 12,000 students for the fourth year in succession.

Last June there were 20 complaints from the public.

So far there has been none.

Mr Peter Neumann, the senior proctor, said: "It's early days for final exams but we think there's been a positive response. The public image of the university should not be one of irresponsibility, discourtesy and extravagant waste".

But while the high jinks on the streets have been diluted, the frivolities inside college walls, where the proctors' jurisdiction ends, are as intense as ever. Even the death from a heroin and alcohol mixture of Miss Olivia Channon, daughter of Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, 12 months ago this week has failed to alarm most students unduly.

Miss Channon, a student at St Hilda's, died in the room of Count Gottfried von Bismarck at Christ Church.

At one party this week, just across from the Blue Boar wing where Miss Channon's body was found, an Old Etonian listed drugs prices from a well-known student

pusher at another college: £27 for a quarter-ounce of cannabis; £12 for three days' of the amphetamine "speed"; £3.50 for a tablet of LSD, or "acid".

The man aged 19 added: "He earns about £1,000 a term from students but his supplies are running short now because many people got to hear about him."

"He doesn't sell heroin - there is very little demand for that - and a few people I know who take it buy the drug in London."

The party also boasted Mr Antoine Palmer, a self-proclaimed exponent of the camp style, from Balliol College, dressed in Edith Sitwell-type drooping cap and striped tights, intent on kissing as many male lips as possible.

Mr Andrew Brown, a law student, said: "Christ Church has been trying to get away from its elitist, thrashing image for years. They thought they had succeeded when Olivia Channon was found dead in the college. I think they'll be tough on misbehaviour this year".

Birth clinic resists censure

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

An infertility clinic which has been accused of disregarding guidelines on "test tube" baby treatments has said the recommendations should be redrafted.

The clinic at the Humana Hospital Wellington, London, has been criticized by the Voluntary Licensing Authority, which monitors the ethical and medical issues of in vitro fertilization, and which published new guidelines last month.

The authority has expressed concern that the clinic has used human eggs donated by relatives to help patients con-

ceive. Such close relationships may have an adverse effect if children grow up to discover their background, the authority said.

It added that the number of fertilized eggs implanted in women should be no more than three, to avoid the risk of multiple births.

In a letter to *The Lancet* today, Professor Ian Craft, director of the unit, and two colleagues, complain that the guidelines have effectively become rules.

"Why should doctors not be allowed to use their clinical judgement in the best interests

of an infertile couple, when they are expected to do so for every aspect of medicine?" they ask.

The letter says there is no evidence to support the view that subsequent emotional disturbance in children born of eggs from known or related donors is any greater than in cases involving anonymous donors.

"The role of the VLA needs to be reassessed and its guidelines redrafted."

The clinic has until September to conform with the guidelines or risk losing the authority's approval.

Mini-town to be built near resort

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

A £400 million property development, which will create a mini-town with 3,000 homes, is planned outside the resort of Weston-super-Mare in Avon.

A consortium of three developers, Beazer Homes; its subsidiary, Second City (South West); and Westbury Homes, hopes to build four separate adjoining estates on 540 acres of land. The project will include 65 acres for industrial development, open spaces, schools, a church, public houses, leisure facilities and a shopping centre.

The local authority, Woodspring District Council, has given planning permission for the first three phases and Avon County Council's southern area planning committee meets next week to consider the final part.

If permission is granted, the consortium hopes to start work by the end of the year, and expects to finish within 10 years. The annual target will be 400 houses, costing an average of £45,000.

Another scheme to be submitted in the next few days plans to convert the mainly disused Portishead docks, near Bristol, into a marina.

With this as a focal point, the 1,200-acre development would include 4,000 new homes, a hotel, golf course, shopping centre, and lakes. The scheme is by a consortium of Ideal Homes, a member of the Trudgill House Group; McLean Homes; and Bristol-based Pearce Developments.

English lamb is cheaper and fish plentiful

Home-produced lamb prices have dropped sharply this week. A whole leg in some areas is 18p a lb cheaper than last week: a whole shoulder is down 8-14p a lb, and loin chops are down 9-10p a lb.

New Zealand lamb loin and best end chops are down about 2p a lb. Beef, topside and mince are slightly cheaper but sirloin steak is a little more expensive. Leg of pork ranges from 88-128p a lb and boneless shoulder from £1-£1.49 a lb.

There is a good selection of fresh fish everywhere and prices of most white fish are

down 2-3p a lb. Herring and mackerel are also cheaper because of a seasonal increase in supplies, but Dover sole is up by as much as 23p a lb in some areas.

More unusual varieties at Billingsgate include garfish at 60-70p a lb, a long tubular species which can be fried or poached and has a good flavour and firm flesh.

Black Sea bream is plentiful and of excellent quality and should be about £1.60 a lb. Venus clams, which cost between £1.40-£1.60 a lb, can be cooked the same way as mussels or made into a chow-

der. Arbroath smokies are plump and plentiful at £2.20-£2.45 for a 1½-lb fish.

There is a good selection of melons including yellow Honeydews from Spain at 60-120p each; Galia melons are sweet and juicy and cost from 60p-£1 each. As well as Spanish water melons, from £1.25-£2 each, there are Carmel golden water melons from 90p to £1.20 each. Tunnel grown English strawberries at 50-95p a ½-lb are widely available. There is plenty of stone fruit including cherries, 70p-£1.60 a lb, peaches 12-20p each, nectarines 15-25p each and apricots 70-80p a lb. English natural rhubarb at 15-25p a lb, pineapples 70p-£1.75 each, bananas 38-54p a lb, and lemons 8-20p each, are all excellent.

English and imported asparagus, £1.60-£2.20 a lb, is still in season. Imported broccoli 60-90p a lb, courgettes 45-75p a lb and English cauliflower 50-70p each are good quality. New this week are English and French broad beans at 35-65p a lb.

For salads the best buys include tomatoes 40-65p a lb, iceberg lettuce 40-90p each, cucumber 35-60p each, and spring onions 16-28p a bunch.

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Fitt vote is crucial to West Belfast result

By Richard Ford

The legacy of one man haunts the most renowned constituency in Northern Ireland where constitutional nationalism is banishing to take the seat from the Provisional IRA's chief apologist, Mr Gerard Adams.

Four years after losing the seat to Provisional Sinn Fein, the destination of Lord Fitt's 10,326 votes is crucial to the outcome in West Belfast. In 1983, the SDLP and Mr Gerard Fitt (as he then was) evenly split the anti-Provisional vote and no one can judge whether enough of Lord Fitt's vote will switch to the SDLP to give the party victory.

Even during this campaign the former MP has been unable to resist temptation and intervened by appealing to his supporters to back the Workers Party, a small left-wing grouping vehemently opposed to the Provisionals.

Stretching from the city centre, it is the most Roman Catholic constituency in the province with only about 8,000 of its 59,400 electorate being Protestant, mainly living in working class estates off Shankill Road.

Unemployment reaches 70 per cent in some areas, the police can go on foot patrol only if surrounded by a phalanx of soldiers, and many districts bear the scars of 17 years of violence.

Yet, despite the undeniable deprivation, the toughest Thatcherite economic rigour has yet to affect the constituency.

Three of Belfast's 14 leisure centres are in the area, a huge house-building programme has produced estates of neat red-brick homes, and new private houses are even being built and sold in Falls Road.

The Social Democratic and Labour Party, fighting a professional campaign, is emphasizing the need of an MP at

The children's verdict



One of the children (above) who are helping John Craven of the BBC to collect the results of an election poll among pupils from 471 schools throughout Britain. The results will be broadcast on the television programme, *Newsround* at 5pm today. The verdict is being collated from the telephone and electronic mail messages collected via *The Times* Network

Systems, which runs an educational data base linking schools' computers. "On a very small scale in the 1983 election the result from schoolchildren was almost a mirror of the actual election result. This is a much bigger project", John Craven said.

(Photograph: Deszill McNeelance)

Elephant outweighs the poll count

Titch, a two-ton 18-year-old Indian elephant, has pushed the general election aside in Dewsbury and opened up the world of the Taj Mahal to the people of this West Yorkshire town.

For the first time the general election count has been moved out of the town hall, to make way for a reconstruction of the Taj Mahal, which was opened by Titch and Mr George Spate, the mayor.

During the next 11 days people can escape the rain for a mirage of lawns and fountains, Indian music and the scent of spices. Evergreen trees typical of the Agra area of India will shield visitors from the not-quite-so-burning sun

while the shrine's famous outline is reflected in a lake. The decision to move in the Taj Mahal, move out the floor of the Victorian town hall was taken by Enterprise Dewsbury, a diverse group committed to improving the town's image, which has been described as drab and poor

Getting rid of election rubbish

By Robin Young

Someone, somewhere, wants all the election mail shots that have cascaded through the nation's letter-boxes. The London School of Economics library is so keen to have election material of any kind that it has placed advertisements in *The Times* asking for leaflets, posters, rosettes, candidate's calling cards, bunting and any other election ephemera.

Brian Hunter, the assistant librarian in the book acquisitions department, who is in charge of the LSE's election material collection, says that in 1983 he managed to obtain material from approximately one-third of the constituencies to add to a stockpile which has been growing steadily since 1945.

The LSE's main line of attacks to recruit local collectors in as many constituencies as possible, and to provide them with large stamped addressed envelopes in which to mail material.

They include staff, former students, and contacts among librarians and indexers. Mr. Hunter, who is more usually occupied in Slavonic librarianship, concentrates his attention principally on constituencies with well-known candidates. The LSE swap their unwanted duplicates with the national libraries of Wales and Scotland.

The most comprehensive collection of election addresses is held by the University of Bristol, which acquired an archive running back to 1892 when it bought the National Liberal Club's library ten years ago. Mr. Nick Lee, the assistant librarian who has been furthering the collection since then, writes to all candidates asking for a copy of their election address.

The Labour and Conservative parties now collect their own candidates' election addresses. The Alliance tends to rely on Bristol and, as an inheritance of the National Liberal Club connection, some Liberal candidates still make a conscientious point of sending in all their opponents' election addresses, as well as their own.

17% of inner-city voters opting out

By Peter Davenport

A large section of the urban population was unable or unwilling to play a part in yesterday's general election. A recent survey into the system of electoral registration has discovered that up to 17 per cent of adults in the inner cities are missing from the roll.

Most of the residents had acceptable reasons for non-registration, such as illegibility through nationality or recent change of address, but many others had simply opted out of the system.

In one area as many as 11.5 per cent of potential voters were omitted from the register for reasons which "gave rise to concern", according to the man who headed the survey, Dr Michel le Lohé, senior lecturer in politics in the School of Social Science at Bradford University.

The study was sponsored by the Commission for Racial Equality and involved the questioning of 3,489 residents in five northern towns and cities with areas of mixed white, Asian and Afro-Caribbean population. The areas covered were Chapeltown, Leeds; Manningham, Bradford; Deepdale, Preston; Far-

Tiree takes a less than feverish approach

By Ronald Farr

Polling day began like most other days in Tiree, quietly. The Hebridean island was on course to being once again the sunniest place in Britain.

Governments may form and dissolve like the tide and election fever grip the island, but in Tiree life beat with a marathon pulse, slowly. Mainland Scotland with its big issues of unemployment, constitutional change and threatened industry lay over the horizon.

At Scarnish where neat, white-washed croft houses bunch together to form a capital for the island, a polling station has been set up in the dentist's surgery, an invasion which inflicted no unnecessary pain on patients seeking treatment. The dentist, I was told, passed away eight years ago.

There were two other polling stations on the island for the 632 registered voters whose votes will be the last in Britain to be counted. The next government will be known and every other candidate in the land celebrating or mourning their political careers before the Argyll and Bute count is completed.

The constituency is so scattered and remote that a helicopter is required to call at the islands of Coll, Colonsay, Gigha, Islay, Jura, Mull and Tiree to pick up the ballot boxes and fly them to the count at Loch Gilphead.

The helicopter begins its round at dawn today and it will be noon at the earliest before Mr John MacKay, the sitting member and Scottish Office Minister for Education, Agriculture and Fisheries learns whether or not he has kept the seat.

Waiting to see if the Welsh Liberals can repeat their by-election success

By John Young

The morning after a General Election, once the overall outcome has become clear, is inevitably an anti-climax. But the results from certain constituencies which continue to trickle in today will still be greeted with considerable interest, and none more so than that from Brecon and Radnor.

This is the seat which Mr Richard Livesey won for the Liberals in a sensational by-election in 1985, overturning a Conservative majority of nearly 9,000. The Conservative candidate suffered the humiliation of finishing an outpaced third.

The result in Brecon and Radnor is expected at around lunchtime, as in other large and thinly populated constituencies, it is impracticable to begin the count before day-break. The 110 polling stations are scattered around an area which, although not on a par with some of the wilder parts of Scotland, is positively vast by the standards of England and Wales.

Although it encompasses more than half the county of Powys, it contains fewer than 50,000 electors. In the beautiful wilderness areas of the Brecon Beacons national park and the "empty quarter" west of Builth and Llandrindod Wells, almost the only living creatures are the ubiquitous upland sheep.

Despite its predominantly rural character, it was for the better part of half a century a Labour stronghold, explained partly by the radical Welsh tradition, which means that county folk in Wales are less likely to vote Conservative than their English counterparts, and partly by the fact that its southern end encompassed the upper fringes of the mining valleys around Brynmawr and Cefn-coed.

But the Conservatives took it in 1979 and, after boundary reorganisation, removed most of what was left of the valleys. It seemed set to become as true blue as formerly it had been deepest red.

That was until Mr Livesey came along. His success was attributed in large measure to the defection of the farming vote; he himself has impeccable farming credentials, having worked as a lecturer at an agricultural college and as a professional farm manager.

There seems no obvious reason why he should not this time hold on to, or even increase, his precarious majority of 539 votes. Roadside verges which in most parts of rural Britain sprout blue posters are here dotted with the bright orange message:

"Livesey Again." Some 17 per cent of the population is engaged in agriculture, compared with a national proportion of only two per cent.

He has obviously made himself very popular during his brief period at Westminster, and he is a local boy made good, a phenomenon which the Welsh particularly admire.

But significantly it was Labour, and not the Conservatives, that finished such a close second in the by-election. The party has fielded the same candidate as in 1985, Dr Richard Willey, an educational writer and researcher. The Conservatives are also confident that the farmers' protest vote was a temporary manifestation of discontent, something that is not borne out by a *Farmer's Weekly* poll, which indicates a continuing disenchantment.

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Jibes that peppered the battle

- May 25 ● We now have a press which in sections is more irresponsible, more prone to slander, more filthy than we have had in this country before - Mr Neil Kinnock.
- I think the proposals for a Ministry for Women are a load of baloney - Mrs Edwina Currie, junior health minister.
- The Minister for Women would be in the Cabinet and obviously would be a woman - Miss Harriet Harman, Labour candidate at Peckham.
- [Mr Kinnock] wants Dad's Army back and Captain Mainwaring's return to the colours - Dr David Owen.
- May 26 ● If ever David Owen were allowed any say in the affairs of this country again, and he found the going tough... he'd go off and found another country - Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's campaign coordinator.
- Neil Kinnock has got a nice smile, but that is not a good enough reason even for hiring a new cook - Lady Sear, Liberal leader in the House of Lords.
- At the very heart of socialism is the urge to order other people around. You see it in their wish to take more of your income in tax. Labour are the high tax party - Mrs Margaret Thatcher.
- May 29 ● The fight is very much on for the nature of British society - Dr David Owen.
- We are confident that... the overwhelming majority of Labour local authorities are very well respected and supported - Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's campaign coordinator.
- Face yourself and you finish strong - Mrs Margaret Thatcher.
- If the Swedes can do it, we in Britain can. Neil Kinnock's next administration is going to be the first of 10 - Mr Denis Healey, shadow Foreign Secretary.
- June 1 ● The Government is attempting to rewrite history on the basis of the last few months' unemployment figures - Dr David Owen.
- Nurses no longer believe that the National Health Service is safe in Mrs Thatcher's hands - Mr Michael Meacher, Labour spokesman on health and social security.
- June 2 ● The Tory Party promised law and order. It delivered crime and riots - Mr Clive Soley, Labour spokesman on home affairs.
- Maggie's blue meannies are starving our schools - Mr Giles Radice, Labour's education spokesman.
- I said on television the other night I thought this campaign was the dirtiest of all and that is still my view - Mr Edward Heath, the former Prime Minister.
- June 4 ● The police are not Tory and they should not be Labour or Liberal police either - Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary.
- June 8 ● We do not believe you are able to help the weaker people by taking away from the talents and abilities of those who create the wealth - Mrs Thatcher.
- This election has singularly failed to lift the sights and look to the future - Dr David Owen.
- Mrs Thatcher's preference for the past is encouraged by the fact that she is surrounded by a Cabinet of tired grey men concerned only with survival, the stuffing knocked out of them by the constant need to say yes when the boss says yes - Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's campaign coordinator.
- Maggie Thatcher is the one you would trust with your money, David Owen is the choice for a romantic encounter. David Steel would be the best to decorate the house and Neil Kinnock would make a great baby sitter - Result of a survey carried out by Women's Own.
- June 9 ● If Mrs Thatcher had been captain of the Titanic she would have tried to calm the passengers by persuading them the ship had only stopped to take on ice - Mr David Steel.
- [Mrs Thatcher] is grown up, she is a politician. She is a professional, so am I. There is no point in whingeing about it at all - Mr Neil Kinnock on personal attacks.
- June 10 ● I don't assume too much from straw people voting in straw polls; there is no substitute for real people voting tomorrow. - Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science.
- There is only one loony left - Mrs Thatcher - Mr Denis Healey, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman.
- People have a fear of the present Labour Party that they had not had of Labour Parties in the past - Mrs Thatcher.
- What we see in the Tory Record. It is not greatness, it is the self-deluding vanity of a fading Empress and her courtiers - Mr Neil Kinnock.
- It is very necessary for indicating to other countries, many of whom are thinking of investing in us, that we have a strong majority - Mrs Thatcher.
- I can confirm unequivocally there is no intention to privatize Job Centres - Lord Young, Secretary of State for Employment.
- We have respected the electorate, we have trusted them. Now the question is, will they trust us? - Mr David Owen, leader of the SDP.
- I don't want a shouting match. That is what I am treated to every Tuesday and Thursday in the House of Commons - Mrs Thatcher 10 an irate caller on the BBC Election Call programme.

Cross-Channel operators face major changes after the Herald hearing

Zeebrugge inquiry considers big issues and moral dilemmas

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Cross-Channel ferry operators are likely to come under more stringent supervision and face more onerous safety requirements when the report of the inquiry into the Zeebrugge disaster, which is drawing to a close, is published.

Indications to be drawn from the conduct of the inquiry, which has lasted nearly seven weeks, are that Mr Justice Sheen, the Wreck Commissioner, and his four expert assessors are likely to take a tough approach to future safety requirements.

In preparing his report, which is expected to be published next month, the judge will have three big issues to consider.

The central questions which seem likely to concern him and the assessors are the allocation of responsibility for the accident, what changes if any should be made in the general design and operation of ferries, and what improvements should be made in the system of regulating the operations of ferry companies.

The allocation of responsibility will provide the judge with at least two moral dilemmas.

No one has challenged the evidence that the capsized vessel was overloaded, that Mr Mark Stanley, the assistant bosun, was asleep when he should have been closing the bow doors.

But there has been no sign at the inquiry that anyone regarded the responsibility as being ultimately his.

Counsel, representing the surviving passengers and the

families of those who died, went so far as to suggest that Mr Stanley was almost as much a victim of a bad system as were the passengers.

If the judge accepts a submission that was put to him, he may name specific officers as bearing individual criticism for the disaster.

But this presents him with a difficulty. Although some of the most aggressive exchanges in the inquiry involved mem-

bers of those who died, went so far as to suggest that Mr Stanley was almost as much a victim of a bad system as were the passengers.

One of the most contentious issues is to what extent changes are needed in ferry design.

Mr Justice Sheen will have to consider whether it is equitable to name members of the sea-going crew, while allowing managers to hide behind corporate anonymity.

One of the most contentious issues on which the inquiry will have to express a view is to what extent design changes are needed in existing and new ferries.

The industry argues that before the loss of the Herald and of the European Gateway four years ago it had a good safety record.

It fears that the commercial

viability of their operations could be damaged if the inquiry were to recommend that a comprehensive system of watertight bulkheads be installed in the main vehicle deck virtually to eliminate the risk of capsizing.

It is, in fact, most unlikely that the inquiry will make highly detailed recommendations in this area: the issues are too complex and require too much study.

But by their comments and, perhaps, by suggesting particular performance objectives and areas for research, they could do much to set the tone for subsequent work by others.

They are almost certain to insist that the possibility of capsizing within a few minutes is totally unacceptable, and that the survivability of these vessels, even with water in the vehicle deck, must be brought closer to the 30 minutes which is the standard assumed in evacuation procedures.

The Department of Transport and the General Council of British Shipping are initiating research on improving the stability of these vessels.

The latest ferries coming into service this year carry up to 2,500 passengers, equivalent to about five jumbo jets.

They are operating across one of the busiest stretches of sea in the world. Since the capsizing at Zeebrugge, three months ago there have been at least four incidents involving ferries on the short sea routes around the United Kingdom.

None involved anything like the degree of seriousness



Day after the disaster: tags circle the capsized Townsend Thoresen ferry, Herald of Free Enterprise, in Zeebrugge harbour, and the effect on stability, and installation of draught indicators, to add to the bridge indicator lights, television monitors and improved procedures which have already been introduced.

more comprehensive regulations, probably involving legislation, recognizing for the first time that roll-on roll-off ferries are in a different category from traditional passenger ships.

That suggests the judge will err on the side of safety in preparing his recommendations.

In spite of the criticisms made of the management of Townsend Thoresen during the inquiry, perhaps the greatest defect exposed has been the total inadequacy of the regulatory system operated by the Department of Transport.

It will be remarkable if Mr Justice Sheen does not call for

● No system could have coped with water cascading in at 200 tons a minute ●

The thrust of questions by the judge and his colleagues make it clear he will want random spot checks to be introduced and will wish to

ensure that when, for example, ships' log books are collected by the department someone checks them closely

One of the most radical measures which the judge has been asked to consider is the introduction of a licensing system, such as operates in civil aviation, under which an operator has to show every year that he is fit to continue

The inquiry is likely to seek specific action, including the introduction of computerized passenger counting systems, greater use of weighbridges to check vehicle weights, computer monitoring of loading

and the effect on stability, and installation of draught indicators, to add to the bridge indicator lights, television monitors and improved procedures which have already been introduced.

There are likely to be many detailed recommendations for changes to make it easier for people to escape from a ship which is lying on its side, and although no system could have coped with water cascading into the vehicle deck at an estimated 200 tons a minute, there may be a recommendation for improved pumping systems.

Police support non-skid brakes

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

The police are to back the use of anti-lock brakes for their 2,100 patrol bikes and will advocate the system to motorcycle manufacturers.

Anti-lock brakes prevent vehicle tyres from skidding during emergency braking. In 1986, 758 motorcycle and scooter riders were killed on British roads and 15,585 were seriously injured.

Mr John Over, Chief Constable of Gwent and head of the Association of Chief Police Officers' traffic committee said yesterday: "We could save a lot of lives with anti-lock brakes".

Commenting on trials in progress with eight police forces he added: "I have had nothing but good reports from the officers and it is quite clear anti-lock brakes have got to be a good thing".

The trials, financed by the government's Transport and Road Research Laboratory, have been conducted on eight German BMW motorcycles equipped with a British Lucas Giring system.

One in four Ford Escort and Orion cars are sold with Lucas anti-lock brakes at an additional cost of £346.

Later this year BMW will introduce a German-developed advanced electronic anti-lock system for its £5,500 bikes at a cost of over £800. Several police forces have already placed orders.

The simpler Lucas mechanical system should be ready for production by the end of 1987. As BMW is unlikely to offer two systems, the future of the Lucas "stop control system" lies with Norton, which is trying to recapture important police orders from BMW.

South Pole expedition team forced to seek cash abroad

By David Sapsted

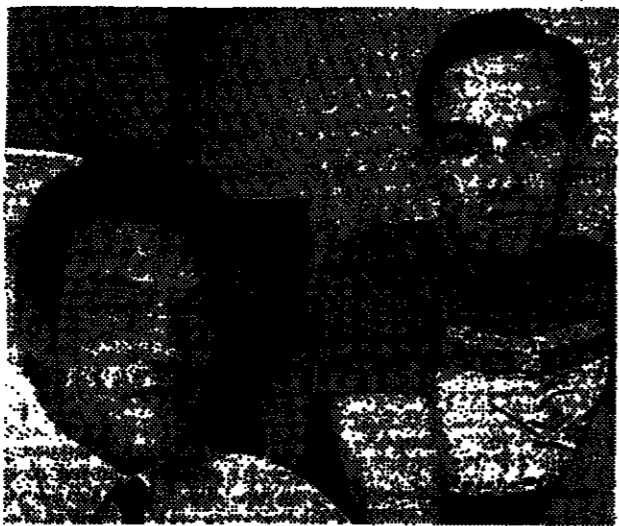
Two members of the successful British trio which retraced Scott's journey to the South Pole are having to leave the country in an attempt to pay off debts of £400,000 from the expedition.

Mr Robert Swan, the leader, will leave in July for a two-month lecture tour of Australia and New Zealand, to be followed by at least a year's lecturing in the United States. His colleague, Mr Gareth Wood, is heading for a year on the Canadian speaking circuit in September.

"We would have loved to have been able to raise the money in Britain. After all, the Union Jack was the only flag we planted at the South Pole. Unfortunately, despite the support of our sponsors, we can see no alternative but to go abroad," Mr Swan said yesterday.

The expedition's finances went drastically wrong after Mr Swan, Mr Wood and Mr Roger Mear reached the Pole on January 11 following a 883-mile trek. Their support ship, South Quest, sank after being crushed by Antarctic pack ice.

"We raised more than £1.5 million, but the loss of the ship clobbered us. I am not going to go bankrupt, though; I didn't



Robert Swan (left) and Gareth Wood, whose expedition has left debts of £400,000 (Photograph: Dezall McNeelance).

work for 10 years for that to happen. The bills will be paid," Mr Swan, aged 30, said.

Staff at the 'In the Footsteps of Scott' offices in North London have not been paid for more than three months and Mr Swan has moved into the cramped space to save money.

"We have sold everything. I've even got rid of the Rolex I wore to the Pole. I'm now wearing a Mickey Mouse watch. That about sums it up," Mr Swan hopes that the

publication of the book of the expedition this summer will raise up to £70,000; that a Yorkshire TV film on the journey will bring in another £30,000; and that his Antipodean tour and Mr Wood's Canadian lectures will raise about £80,000 more.

Against that, about £100,000 is still owed after the loss of the ship and expedition equipment, and another £100,000-plus incurred because of the bill for rescuing the team after the sinking.

Warning plea on cradles

Dozens of babies are injured every year in accidents involving bouncing cradles, trading standards officers in Liverpool warned yesterday after hearing evidence from the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital, Alder Hey.

The officers are calling on all manufacturers of the reclining fabric seats, which infants can rock, to improve their warnings about the dangers of using the cradles above floor level.

Dr Joan Robson, consultant in charge of casualty at the children's hospital, said that there was a high number of accidents involving the same product in similar circumstances.

"At one stage earlier in the year we were treating bouncing cradle injuries at the rate of one a week. The warnings given with these products need to be improved."

Miss Hannah Folan, chairman of Liverpool City Council's trading standards committee, said: "The cradles are quite safe if used on the floor but parents are putting them on smooth shiny surfaces, like tables or worktops, so when the baby rocks, the cradle slips forward and topples on to the floor."

She added: "We want a label on the product telling parents not to use the cradle above ground level."

Campaign to kill off the wild Welsh mink

By Andrew Morgan

Wild mink are now so prolific in mid-Wales that an operation has been launched to cull them through trapping.

The River Wye Preservation Trust has begun a campaign called Minkwatch in response to the growing number of attacks by mink. The mammal, now officially indigenous, is believed to be responsible for the eradication of water hens and sand martins on the Lower Wye.

The mink eats cygnets and causes a greater reduction in swan numbers than anglers' lead shot. It also attacks dippers, waggails and voles, which dig holes in river banks which are valuable for flood drainage.

Until 1982, the Welsh Water Authority offered £2 a tail for mink after they decimated young salmon in local rivers, but this was withdrawn because it was not effective. Now, the Trust, with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, hopes to offer advice to gillies and landowners on trapping, and to encourage people to report sightings.

Mr David Shaw, the Trust's founder, said: "The common image of mink is a lady stepping from a Rolls Royce. But the wild mink is not valuable - its coat is too mottled - and it has no natural enemy, just like the grey squirrel which was introduced from north America, and causes huge damage."

Mr Shaw is now hoping to raise money for 100 traps to offer to gillies and farmers. He emphasizes that the trap is a cage from which the mink would be taken and killed with a rifle or air-gun. At present, Minkwatch has only four traps.

"They would have to be hidden so animal liberationists didn't discover them and throw them into the river. It was such people who released the mink which are behind the present problem," he added.

Initially, Minkwatch is hoping to cover the Lower Wye with traps, eventually spreading them above Ross-on-Wye and into surrounding lakes and ponds. The mink has litters of up to six and adults, with an acute sense of territory, force their young into new areas early after birth.

But Mr Paul Vadden, a wildlife officer at the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said: "Mink have been around for years and I hope this culling is based on proper research and not just somebody spotting a few mink and thinking there's been an explosion in numbers."

"The RSPCA is not opposed to culling as long as the methods are monitored and it has a positive effect. While some groups think the mink is highly vicious, others are not convinced it is such a threat."



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Black women affected most by Bill

US welfare overhaul aims at making parents look for jobs

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Congress has taken a decisive step towards the most sweeping overhaul of the welfare system in more than 50 years, aimed primarily at forcing or coaxing low-income parents to take jobs.

The ways and means committee of the House of Representatives approved a Bill requiring states to establish large-scale programmes involving compulsory job training, education and work for parents with dependent children.

Most of those involved will be women bringing up children alone. They are the most costly welfare group in the country and their numbers are expanding rapidly.

President Reagan is a concerned advocate of reforms, and there is strong bipartisan agreement on Capitol Hill that the system needs a drastic overhaul.

The main objection is the cost, last month the next five

years would be about \$5.2 billion (£3.1 billion), of which \$1.1 billion would be for job training, education and job creation.

A fight seems likely on the floor of the House and the Senate. Opponents say the Bill would provide benefits to welfare recipients that exceed the pay for entry-level jobs.

Republicans are fiercely opposed to one provision that requires states to give benefits to families with an unemployed father in the home.

Several states have recently started experimenting with "workfare" programmes in which training, nursery facilities and jobs themselves are created, with the aim of breaking what President Reagan has called the "cycle of dependency" that passes from generation to generation.

One of the biggest disincentives for coming off welfare is the loss of Medicare cover for medical bills. The proposed new legislation would allow people to continue receiving Medicare

benefits for six months after working their way off welfare.

The measure also provides that the first \$100 a month earnings of a welfare recipient who takes a job would be ignored in the computation of welfare payments. The Bill yesterday received enthusiastic support from the National Governors' Association and the American Public Welfare Association.

Most of those affected by the planned changes are likely to be black women. Parents whose children are aged three or older will be expected to participate in the work or training programmes. Those with younger children can participate voluntarily.

Nearly four million parents, mostly mothers, and about seven million children are covered by the Aid to Families with Dependent Children programme, by far the biggest welfare programme in the US.

It is estimated that at least 75,000 parents would participate each year at the outset, with the Federal Government bearing 65 per cent of the cost of work and training programmes and the state the cost of additional child care facilities. The Bill also provides funds to ensure that pay rates for participants exceed the rate of welfare benefits.

Russia poised for space leap

Moscow (Reuters) - The Soviet Union plans to create a space transport system of manned shuttles, reusable booster rockets and space cargo "tugs" for trips between orbiting stations, the head of the Soviet space agency, Glavkosmos, said yesterday.

Mr Alexander Dunayev told Pravda that the drafting of plans for the system was going ahead after the successful test launch of the new Soviet heavy-lift booster rocket, Energia, last month.

He said the launch of the two-stage, 170 million horsepower rocket marked an important step forward in efforts to expand space manufacturing by lifting new units for manned orbiting stations, scientific equipment, fuel and industrial materials.

Energia, launched on May 15, has a payload capacity of more than 100 tonnes, or five

times as great as the Soviet Proton rocket used in previous heavy launches. Soviet officials describe Energia's eight engines as the most powerful in the world, a claim which has not been disputed by Western space experts.

Nasa officials have said that Energia's successful test flight marked a tremendous achievement for Moscow, which now stood to take the lead in space.

Mr Dunayev said the development of the Soviet space programme required economical transport operations which could be achieved by using partially or fully reusable booster rockets and inter-orbital transport vehicles - or so-called "space tugs". He did not go into detail about the space tugs, which would presumably be used to ferry supplies and crews between orbiting space stations.

Western experts say they expect the first Soviet shuttle flight later this year.

Soviet space officials have been quoted as saying that they expect space industries, including the production of pharmaceuticals and semiconductors, to earn 50 billion roubles (£45 billion) a year by 1990.

Mr Dunayev noted Soviet plans to send two space vehicles to Mars to study its moon Phobos next year and for joint space flights with Syria, France and Bulgaria in the next two years.

Although the Soviet Union portrays its space programme as strictly peaceful, Western space experts say much of Moscow's space effort is military and Western countries have been less than enthusiastic about sharing space technology.

Subway vigilante's 'fantasy'



Mr Bernhard Goetz, who is standing trial at New York Supreme Court for the alleged shooting of four youths on a subway, being escorted through lower Manhattan by a member of the Guardian Angels, an unofficial vigilante group.

Mr Goetz's lawyer, making his final statement in the trial which has lasted six weeks, asked the jurors on Wednesday not to believe the words of his own client (NYT reports from New York).

Mr Barry Slotnick said in his summing up that Mr Goetz's account of how he shot four youths on a Manhattan subway train in December 1984 was the "fantasy" of a "traumatized, sick, psychologically upset individual". Other evidence presented showed,

he said, that the shootings could not have occurred the way Mr Goetz said they did.

"He took these statements," Mr Slotnick said, referring to the prosecutor, Mr Gregory Waples, "and he fashioned his case around them. Well, that's unrealistic and that's unconvincing, and that's not how people are convicted in this country."

Mr Goetz said in video and audiotaped statements played earlier in the trial that he intended to murder the youths when he drew his weapon, because he feared they would beat him and rob him. He also said on the tapes that he had paused after three of the youths had been shot down, had seen one apparently uninjured and, in a moment of rage, had fired again.

Mr Goetz is charged with attempted murder, assault and weapon possession.

Nicaraguan Indian exiles seek unity in war on Sandinistas

From Martha Honey, San José

Nicaraguan Indian exile leaders have started a meeting in the Honduran border hamlet of Rus Rus aimed at ending more than four years of division and creating a united anti-Sandinista movement for the indigenous people of Nicaragua's Atlantic coast.

While the meeting is being billed as an attempt to create a more effective Indian movement to counter the Sandinistas, several top Indian leaders say that their primary aim is to forge a new alliance which will give them leverage with their American sponsors and with the newly-created Contra umbrella movement, the Nicaraguan Resistance.

The Atlantic coast rebel groups have not officially joined the resistance, and one aim of this meeting is to elect democratically their representatives.

The rebels along Nicaragua's Atlantic coast have maintained an unstable relationship with the main US-backed Contra army, the Nicaraguan Democratic Force (FDN), which is made up largely of Nicaraguans of Spanish descent and which has majority control in the resistance. Indian exile leaders say that their different culture and history as a largely English-speaking, Protestant people and their demands for autonomy are not fully accepted by either the FDN or its US backers.

Indian officials say that the meeting in the heart of Indian refuge territory is being organized and financed by the US State Department, which is providing transport, tents, food and other supplies.

This remote location was chosen, the officials say, to try to stop the rapid return to Nicaragua of Indian refugees. Under the Sandinistas' amnesty programme, and with

United Nations assistance, an estimated 2,000 refugees have been leaving the camps every week and moving back to the Nicaraguan side of the border.

The meeting almost collapsed last week when the Honduran Government announced a crackdown on Contra activities and refused to grant visas to about 40 people planning to attend. However, American officials in Honduras, whom the Indians refer to as "our strategic allies", intervened and cleared the way for the meeting.

Informed sources here say that, at the insistence of Indian exile leaders, five State Department officials recently replaced the handful of US CIA operatives supervising Contra political and military activities along the Nicaraguan Atlantic coast.

MANAGUA: President Ortega said yesterday that the CIA is still sending money to Roman Catholic Church leaders in Nicaragua (AP reports).

Speaking at a news conference, Señor Ortega responded to reporters' questions on a report in the US magazine Newsweek quoting unnamed sources that hundreds of thousands of dollars may have been sent covertly to the Roman Catholic Church in Nicaragua.

Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo, Archbishop of Managua and a critic of the left-wing Sandinista Government, on Monday called the report "false and slanderous".

President Ortega said that the Government was always willing to talk to the Church, but added: "As long as they do not stop receiving money from the CIA and do not change their attitude and act as true spiritual leaders of the people in favour of peace, then it will be difficult to advance in the dialogue."

US to arm Unita with Stinger missiles in \$15m aid package

Washington (NYT) - The Reagan Administration has told Congress that it is going to continue to provide covert military aid to the Angolan rebels, according to government officials.

The Administration will send a \$15 million (£9.1 million) package of military equipment to Unita, the pro-Western movement headed by Dr Jonas Savimbi, officials said, which will include Stinger anti-aircraft missiles.

The first \$15 million worth of equipment was sent last year, and the Administration has now indicated that it will

support Unita at an equivalent level next year, too.

In addition to Stinger missiles, Unita will receive anti-tank missiles to counter a new shipment of Soviet tanks sent to Luanda. "When the shopping list is complete, it could be between \$15 million and \$17 million," an official said.

The money for Unita is provided out of the CIA budget. Formal congressional approval is not needed, but the aid could be blocked by majority votes in both the Senate and the House.

The military aid represents a decision by the Administration to maintain its policy of selectively supporting anti-communist insurgencies.

The House select committee on intelligence recently came within one vote of cutting off further aid to Dr Savimbi's guerrilla forces. The Administration argued that Unita needs the equipment to counter a dry-season offensive recently started by the Angolan Government. State Department officials have said that Luanda recently received a new delivery of Soviet arms worth \$1 billion.

Congress repealed a law two years ago that had prohibited aid to the Angolan rebels. The law had resulted in intense lobbying by conservatives to aid the Unita forces.

Although the House intelligence committee members voted 8-7 not to block the new aid package, their Senate counterparts are not expected to offer significant opposition. But two members of the Senate intelligence committee have raised reservations.

Senator Bill Bradley has urged that the programme should no longer be covert, and Senator Dennis De-

Concini has expressed concern about the security of the Stinger missiles.

Mr DeConcini does not object to sending Stingers to Unita, but is worried that if captured they could be sold on the black market to terrorist groups and used to down airliners.

The Stingers were originally given to the Unita forces for protection of their base camp in south-east Angola. Since their arrival more than a year ago, Unita claims to have shot down more than 40 Soviet-built Angolan aircraft.

Storm over radioactive soil dump

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The state of New Jersey has unleashed a political storm by deciding to dump 15,000 drums of radioactive soil on a nature preserve.

The soil has been kept in a warehouse in Montclair, a residential town for more than three years while state officials have searched for a permanent disposal site.

But under pressure from a court order to do something with the contaminated earth, they have finally set their sights on a nature sanctuary, prompting a storm of protests.

Mr Donald Hodel, the US Secretary of the Interior, has written to New Jersey's Governor expressing the Federal Government's firm opposition to the plan. The sanctuary is part of Pinelands National Reserve.

Like New York's wandering garbage barge, New Jersey's radioactive soil has become a symbol of the worsening problems of waste disposal. The soil was excavated from a site that was a dump for a radiodial factory more than 50 years ago.

About 400 houses in the area had shown unsafe levels of gamma radiation and agreement was reached to remove the soil and dump it at a radioactive facility in Nevada.

"But halfway through, Nevada suddenly said we don't want New Jersey waste here," a federal official said.

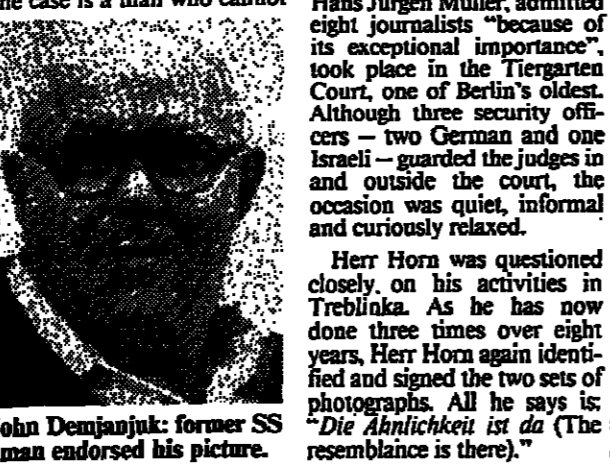
The 'Ivan the Terrible' trial Israeli judges hear witness in Berlin

From Gitta Sereny, Berlin

Yesterday afternoon, the three Israeli judges in charge of the trial of John Demjanjuk in Israel packed their bags in Berlin at the conclusion of a hearing perhaps unique in legal history.

The Ukrainian-born Mr Demjanjuk went on trial in Jerusalem in March, accused of having committed crimes against humanity as the so-called "Ivan the Terrible" in the Treblinka extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland in 1942-43. Having been extradited from the United States two years ago, he claims that the whole case is one of mistaken identity.

Five eyewitnesses in Israel - survivors of Treblinka - have so far identified him as "Ivan". But a vital witness in the case is a man who cannot



John Demjanjuk, former SS man endorsed his picture.

Sikh priest killed by extremists

Chandigarh (Reuters) - A moderate Sikh priest and one of his disciples were hacked to death and five people have been killed in other incidents in Punjab.

Police said they found Ishar Singh and his unidentified assistant dead with wounds from sharp-edged weapons at their temple in Hoshiarpur district, apparently the victims of Sikh extremists.

Air deaths

Muscat (AP) - The commander-elect of Oman's fledgling air force, Air Commodore Muhammad bin Mubarak bin Marhoun, has been killed in an air accident with two other senior officers.

Rock riot

Milan (AP) - Hundreds of ticketless fans of British singer David Bowie clashed with riot police after trying to break their way into the arena for his second Italian concert.

Snow in June

Peking (AP) - A rare snowfall in northern China has destroyed crops on thousands of acres of land.

Scream healer

Mbabane (AP) - Parents of high school girls in Lavumisa called in Swaziland's top traditional healer to deal with an outbreak of mass hysteria that caused the students to scream and sob in class, but without success.

Sharks' taste for cutting off long-distance calls

New York (NYT) - Sharks have shown an inexplicable taste for new fibre-optic cables being strung along the ocean bed linking the United States, Europe and Japan, telephone company officials say.

In the Atlantic alone, shark bites have caused the failure of four segments of cable - the main artery for global voice and computer communications. British telephone officials monitoring the installation of the fibre-optic network that will link the US to Japan and Guam are also reporting troubles with gnawing sharks.

The attacks have caused some delays in laying cable, and a single bite on a deep-sea line, which is about the size of a garden hose, can cost more than \$160,000.

There is a benefit, however. In studying ways to limit damage, the telephone companies are giving marine scientists valuable new information on sharks and

specimens of previously unknown species. The first evidence of the sharks' attraction to the cables was the discovery of shark teeth embedded in an experimental line off the Canary Islands in 1985.

"We were surprised," said Mr James Barrett, deputy director of international engineering for the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. "We had laid 55,000 or 60,000 miles of undersea cable all over the world with no problem. There had not been a single case of a shark biting one of the old cables," which were made of copper.

He added: "We took the teeth to a shark dentist and asked him to identify them." Even now, he said, experts disagree on which type of shark was responsible for the attack.

After further instances of having cables damaged by shark bites, company officials now say they are confident that by wrapping the cable in double layers of steel tape they can prevent future damage. But the cause of the "Jaws syndrome", as one telephone company spokesman called it, remains a mystery.

The fibre-optic cables look much the same as copper cables, but the new cables are less than one inch in diameter. The older ones are as thick as an arm. They both have armored jackets and contain copper wires that carry electrical power to amplifying stations along the way.

Inside each of the new cables, however, are six hairlike strands of glass that carry as many as 40,000 separate conversations travelling as pulses of laser light. In contrast, the first transatlantic telephone cable - a fat copper line laid between Newfoundland and Scotland in 1956 - could carry only 36 conversations.

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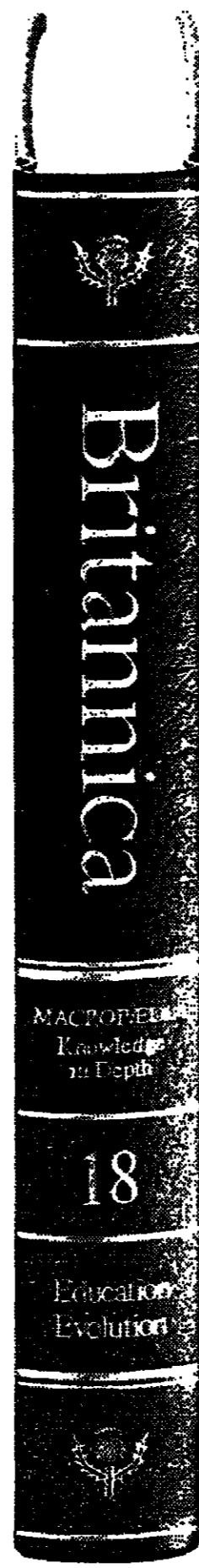
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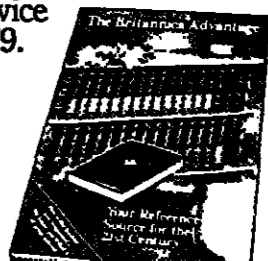
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WORLD SUMMARY

At least 22 die in Sri Lankan blasts

Colombo — At least 22 people were killed and 24 others injured in two landmine blasts in Sri Lanka's troubled Northern and Eastern provinces yesterday as the island nation's leaders were participating in religious festivals commemorating the arrival of Buddhism in Sri Lanka from India 2,200 years ago (Vijitha Yapa writes).

Among the victims was a group of Tamil detainees being transported in an army convoy when one of the vehicles triggered a landmine at Teekam Junction, a government spokesman said. Ten Tamils and three soldiers were killed while 20 other Tamils and four soldiers were injured. In the second blast nine Muslims were killed at Pan Medawachchiya when a landmine exploded under a van.

DELHI: India is massing troops on the coast of its southern state of Tamil Nadu opposite Sri Lanka, according to an article yesterday in a Bombay newspaper, but an Indian Defence Ministry spokesman denied reports that war preparations were under way (Michael Hamlyn writes).

'No shame for France'

Lyons (AP) — M Jacques Chaban-DeLMas, right, President of the French National Assembly, former Prime Minister and Resistance leader, yesterday told the court trying Klaus Barbie that the French need not be ashamed of their conduct during the Occupation.

"Some people would like to make this the trial of the French," M Chaban-DeLMas, aged 72, said. "The French conducted themselves honourably and don't have to be ashamed of France under the Occupation."

M Chaban-DeLMas was a "witness of general interest", a court designation for those who have no direct evidence to offer, but can speak of wartime conditions. Barbie, aged 73 and a former chief of Lyons Gestapo, has been on trial for the past month on charges of crimes against humanity.



Embargo supported Basque MP jailed

New York — Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary General, yesterday endorsed an arms embargo to end the Gulf War (Zoriana Pysariwsky writes).

But he left the Security Council to decide whether to impose sanctions only on whichever side refuses to enter peace talks.

WASHINGTON: The Pentagon hopes to expand patrols by A-7s surveillance aircraft over the Gulf before US warships begin escorting Kuwaiti oil tankers next month. Administration officials said on Wednesday (NYT reports).

Madrid — The Bilbao provincial court has sentenced a member of the Basque regional parliament, Juan Carlos Yoldi, to 25 years in prison and barred him from holding public office during that period, for belonging to the Basque separatist organization Euzkadi, storing arms illegally, and bombing a bar (Harry Debelius writes).

Sultan to get his cash

Geneva — The Sultan of Brunei is to get back the "missing" \$10 million (£6 million) he originally donated, via the United States, for the Nicaraguan Contras (Alan McGregor writes).

The way is now clear for the refund, the Geneva investigating magistrate, Mr Vladimir Stemberger, said yesterday after receiving a formal request transmitted via the Brunei branch of the City Bank.

Picture of guilt Journalists settle

Jerusalem — A Beersheba woman who lied about her age to entrap a husband has been fined 2,000 shekels (about £750) for perjury and suborning witnesses (Ian Murray writes).

Rachael Danino had given her date of birth as 1954 instead of 1947 when she married in 1982, but government lawyers found her 1964 identity card photograph showed a developing teenager rather than a girl of 10.

Washington — The Daily News in New York has reached an out-of-court settlement with four black journalists who accused it of race discrimination, ending a long federal trial in Manhattan (Christopher Thomas writes).

Sources were quoted as saying that the newspaper, which has consistently denied discrimination, had agreed to a financial package of £1.8 million.

Pilgrimage to Poland Papal blessing on Solidarity

From Roger Boyes Gdansk

The Pope, spreading his hands wide to a crowd of hundreds of thousands of Polish shipyard workers and fishermen, yesterday blessed Solidarity and stressed that it was legitimate for Poles to fight peacefully for human rights.

The sermon, delivered close to the birthplace of Solidarity in 1980, was received with loud, throaty, tumultuous applause: the crowd repeatedly interrupted with calls of "Long live the Pope", and "Long live Solidarity".

After last night's Mass, the Pope was due to meet Mr Lech Walesa, leader of the banned trade union, and his family. Dissident sources said that the Pope, on his first trip to the Baltic coast, was also planning to meet members of the Solidarity leadership, who have been travelling to Gdansk from Warsaw and elsewhere in Poland.

The Pope is stretching his official programme to include a trip to the towering cross near the Lenin Shipyard gates, erected at Solidarity insistence, which pays tribute to shipyard workers killed in the riots of December 1970.

It all adds up to a surprisingly strong statement of support for Solidarity and endorsement of its continued campaign. His voice booming over the heads of the massed shipyard workers, the Pope declared: "In the name of the future of mankind and of humanity, the word 'solidarity' must be pronounced... this word was uttered right here in a new way and in a new context. And the world cannot forget it."

But this was more than a



The Pope praying at the grave of his parents in a Cracow cemetery yesterday before attending a rally in Szczecin.

Nasa left thunderstruck by its bolting rockets

From Christopher Thomas Washington

The accidental launch of three small rockets after they were ignited by lightning on Tuesday night has dealt another serious blow to the morale of Nasa, the US space agency.

The accident was a bitter irony for Nasa, which was severely criticized for launching the failed space shuttle Challenger in a storm. It was also attacked for launching a large Atlas-Centaur rocket in bad weather in March, only to have it destroyed by lightning.

In the latest incident, personnel at Nasa's facility on Wallops Island, Virginia, huddled in a blockhouse out of torrential rain when lightning ignited the three rockets sitting on a launch pad, sending two of them along their planned trajectories. Astonished officials tracked them as they continued faithfully along their path.

The third rocket was not in a firing position, and splashed into the ocean 300 ft from the pad. One of the rockets that survived was awaiting imminent launch to study, of all things, night thunderstorms.

It was the first time in 1,300

launchings from Wallops Island that lightning has triggered a take-off. The same storm knocked out communications with weather satellites for nine hours.

Two of the rockets that were accidentally ignited at Wallops Island were test vehicles 4 ft long and less than 3 ins in diameter. They were to have been fired in advance of other rockets carrying scientific equipment so that Nasa personnel could check their tracking and range facilities.

After they were inadvertently launched they reached their planned altitude of 15,000 ft, flew 2½ miles down range and plunged into the sea, as intended.

The third rocket, a 16 ft Orion, was carrying scientific instruments. The total loss was estimated at less than \$50,000 (£30,000).

Nasa officials said it appeared that the lightning struck close to the pad and produced enough electricity in the "firing leads" to set the rockets off.

Although Wallops Island has no protection against lightning strikes, officials at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida said that a 75 ft

Panama decrees emergency to curb mounting protests

Panama City (AP) — The Government of Panama proclaimed a national state of emergency yesterday after two days of demonstrations against the country's military leadership.

The presidential press secretary, Señor José Hernández, read the decree on national radio and television. It suspended eight articles of the Constitution, among them freedom of expression and assembly and freedom from undue search and seizure.

It said that the Cabinet took the action because of demonstrations by "persons and political groups interested in taking power".

On Wednesday thousands of demonstrators in Panama City beat pots and pans, sounded car horns and yelled "Get them out". Police fired tear gas, tore down barricades, and beat protesters with rubber truncheons.

There were no official reports of arrests or injuries, but witnesses said dozens of people were injured and detained. Officials at the Santo Tomás Hospital said that they had treated wounded but declined to give details. Witnesses said about 70 people were injured near the University of Panama.

Five opposition political parties and an association of the nation's largest industries late on Wednesday issued communiqués calling for continued civil disobedience.

Yesterday's decree also suspended freedom of movement and the inviolability of correspondence and telephone calls, and the right to be informed of the reason for arrest and to consult a lawyer.

The protests began on Tuesday in response to allegations that the armed forces commander, General Manuel Noriega, was involved in the death of the former Panamanian leader, Brigadier-General Omar Torrijos, helped to rig the 1984 presidential elections, and ordered the 1985 killing of the opposition leader, Señor Hugo Spadafora.

The retired military Chief of Staff, Colonel Roberto Díaz Herrera, aged 49, who made the allegations, claimed that General Noriega conspired with General Wallace Nutting, then head of the United States Southern Command in Panama, the US Central Intelligence Agency, and others to plant a bomb on the aircraft in which General Torrijos died when it crashed in 1981.

The US has about 9,500 troops in Panama.

General Nutting and General Noriega, the power behind the civilian Government of the President, Señor Eric Del Valle, denied the accusations.

General Noriega said on Wednesday night that the Government "will be very sensible" in dealing with the demonstrators because "they want dead (and) we are not going to give them dead".

Señor Ricardo Arias Calderón, a leader of the Christian Democratic Party, said in a television interview: "I believe that... these civic and peaceful pressures will create the conditions for the change of government that we Panamanians need."



Mask of defiance: A student covering up against tear gas on the second day of anti-government protests in Panama City.

Seoul battles rage on for second day

From David Watts Seoul

Clashes between students and riot police continued for a second day yesterday as young South Koreans armed with clubs and iron bars manned barricades around the Roman Catholic Myundong Cathedral in the centre of the city.

Riot police in samurai-style protective helmets fired volley after volley of tear gas grenades into the student-held cordon in response to fire-bombs and chunks of paving raining down on them from the force of up to 1,000 students who held the area overnight.

The pitched battle, taking place only yards from the Golden Mile, a stretch of expensive shops in the middle of Seoul, is the first time that protests have gone into a second day in the recent history of opposition-government clashes.

But city life went on undisturbed around the "war zone", apart from shoppers occasionally fleeing the smoke from the grenades. The stock exchange, meanwhile, continues to rise, heedless of the whole thing and perhaps encouraged by the prospect of at least another seven years of Democratic Justice Party rule.

Three injured demonstrators were taken away from the cathedral area. Already two students are seriously ill with head injuries caused by the exploding grenades.

Deploping the countryside disturbances, the Director-General of Police, Mr Kwon Bok Kyung, said 3,831 people had been detained, some of whom will probably be released soon, and 708 policemen injured. In spite of pledges of a peaceful demonstration, beatings, arson and destruction of property were the order of the day, according to the police chief.

Despite the chaotic scenes in isolated areas of Seoul, the police managed to contain the disturbances to the ritualized but brutal pitched battles now favoured by the students.

Thousands of ordinary civilians, however, took more than a passing interest in the demonstrations, crowding hotel lobbies to watch from a safe, gas-free distance. The opposition demand for a cacophony of horn-blowing brought a surprising response lasting for several minutes from the appointed hour of 6 pm. Well-dressed women in expensive cars joined in with enthusiasm, confirming that the demonstrations enjoy wider support than the narrow focus of their aims would suggest.

A President's Cup football match against Egypt had to be called off in the southern city of Masan after tear gas drifted over the pitch, forcing the game to be abandoned. Whether the Government can persuade its opponents to stop their protests sufficiently so as not to deter visitors to the Olympic Games next year remains to be seen.

Spain's triple elections

Socialists pay for unrest by losing hold on key cities

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain's Socialist Party yesterday paid the price in votes for months of social unrest, losing its hold on such key cities as Madrid and Seville as well as on the self-governing regions in the country's triple elections.

Admitting to the "unrest factor" and wear and tear in office, Señor Javier Solana, the Government's chief spokesman, nevertheless eagerly seized on the 39 per cent vote for the Socialists in one of the three elections — that for the European Parliament — as a "popular mandate" to continue the Government's tough economic policies, essentially pursued to prepare Spain for integration into the European Community.

The 68 per cent of the 28 million voters who turned out for the elections — for town halls and regional assemblies as well as for Strasbourg — considerably reshaped the political map at grassroots level.

Although the party of Señor Felipe González remains the biggest force, with seven million votes, the underlying drift was clearly for the electorate to register disenchantment with the way the Socialists used their four years in power. The party lost outright majorities in 21 of 27 big cities and in seven of the 13 regions which voted.

Many disenchanted electors preferred to redistribute their votes, either to the left or to the centre-right, notably to regional parties. This devolution of power away from Madrid, where Señor González's Government still has three more years in office, continues a trend begun in last year's general election.

Wednesday's slight retreat by the right-wing Popular Alliance, now under new leadership, and the keen disappointment for the Democratic Centre Party of Señor Adolfo Suárez, the former Prime Minister, which failed to make any significant headway, still leaves the Socialists without a nationwide challenge. But Señor Suárez's

party will, if it chooses, enjoy a pivotal role locally in many places.

Señor José Barrionuevo, the Interior Minister, giving the final results yesterday, stressed the Government's "dissatisfaction" that the Basque People's Unity radical coalition, the political wing of the terrorist movement Eta, polled 363,000 votes (more than 110,000 of them outside the Basque country), so securing one of Spain's 60 seats in the European Parliament.

The drama as the Government slowly released results centred on Seville — a virtual cradle of Spain's reborn post-Franco socialism and home town of Señor González and several of his top aides — and on the steel and coal-mining region of Asturias, at the historic heart of the Spanish party.

Despite the Prime Minister's personal intervention in Seville, the Socialists will now not command a majority even if the Communist-led United Left supports them. The populist Andalusian regional party of Señor Alejandro Rojas, an old rival of Señor González, looks like playing the kingmaker.

The United front brought only partial recovery in the Communist's fortunes, and they lost one councillor in Madrid. Thus, again, they will be unable to bale out the Socialist mayor.

The Socialist Party indicated yesterday that its mayors or chief ministers would try to soldier on, even if hearing minority administrations.

VOTES FOR EUROPE

Results of single-constituency Spanish elections to European Parliament with 89 per cent of votes counted (June 1986 general election percentages in brackets).

Party	% vote	Seats
Socialists	28	39 (44)
Pop Alliance	17	24 (26)
Dem Centre	7	10 (9)
United Left	3	5 (2)
Comm of Catalonia	3	4 (4)
Basque PU	1	1.8 (1.1)
Europe of Peoples	1	1.8 (1.7)

* Did not exist at last election.

Pretoria widens powers to deal with dissent

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa's renewed state of emergency, which came into force yesterday, in some respects widens and strengthens the curtailment of civil liberties imposed under the previous emergency declared exactly a year ago.

All detainees held under the previous emergency must technically be "released" and then immediately be re-arrested if they are to remain in jail. It is not known how many are still being held as the Government refuses to give figures, but the number is thought to be between 3,000 and 5,500.

A spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, denied news agency reports that some 200 detainees had been set free.

The new regulations increase from 14 to 30 days the period for which a person may be detained without any further detention having to be authorized in writing.

Re-worded clauses in the regulations restore the ban on press, television and radio reporting of unrest and security force action, nullifying the effect of a Supreme Court judgement which declared the ban to be invalid on grounds of unreasonable vagueness.

The regulations also include a ban on the publication of any advertisement "defending, praising or endeavouring to justify... campaigns, projects, programmes, actions or policies of violence or resistance of any illegal organization."

Cache of Trotsky documents found

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

A remarkable collection of personal documents belonging to the Soviet revolutionary leader, Leon Trotsky, including a savage attack on his rival, Josef Stalin, written in invisible ink in the margins of a book, have been discovered at the Hoover Institution in Palo Alto, California.

In 1963 the Stanford University-affiliated institute bought folders of pictures and more than 70 boxes of letters, speeches and notebooks from a Russian émigré, Boris, who said he had found a cache of Trotsky documents, but did not disclose the Trotsky treasure until after the death in 1982 of Mr Nicolaevsky's widow, Anna Bourguina, the curator of his collection. In fact, archivists did not know the valuable Trotsky papers were even in the collection.

While acknowledging that Harvard University still has the largest and most important collection of original Trotsky material, Mr Dale Reed, archivist at Hoover, termed the find "an exceptionally important new historical source".

The papers belonging to the man who sowed the seeds of the Russian Revolution are still being carefully studied and catalogued.

In addition to covering Trotsky's political thoughts, the collection also gives some personal insight into Trotsky, the son of an affluent Jewish Ukrainian farmer, who organized the Red Army and at one point was seen by many Russians as the successor to the Bolshevik leader, Lenin. But after Lenin died in 1922, Stalin pushed Trotsky out.

Free pasta woos the Communist Party faithful

By Roger Boyes

Spaghetti per tutti (spaghetti for everybody) declared the Communist Party in the West, trying to mobilize support for a mass gathering outside Rome. It was to be a "bicycle rally", the Italian Communists' way of identifying with the ecological movement and mopping up the discontented youth vote.

In fact, most of the participants seemed to have turned up by bus. Instead of the young, sprightly flower of the demonstrators were grizzled party veterans lured by the bait of free pasta in the sunshine.

The party, the second largest in the country and the biggest Communist Party in the West, has a youth problem. Despite attempts to distance itself from Moscow — for example, by criticizing the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and the declaration of martial law in Poland — the old ideological spine peeps through. It is not ashamed of putting the hammer and sickle on its posters, and its key election move was a lone exclusive, barely readable interview in the party press with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader.

The party lacks the jauntness of the Radicals (who are fielding a porgonist star and a former head of the Italian equivalent of the M15), the proximity to power of the Socialists, and the natural authority of the Christian Democrats. And its leader, Signor Alessandro Natta, has inherited none of the charisma of the party's former General Secretary, Enrico Berlinguer, who died in 1984.

The weekend rally was a classic of its kind: a worthy gathering, enthusiastically organized, with scantily attended, megaphoned speeches and songs, heartiness on the podium but deadweight indifference on the grass. It was a meeting that would have appealed to young industrial workers in the 1950s. Apart from some necking couples, most young people were of an earnest mien, striding round the park like thwarted jockeys.

The party does have some important assets. In the provinces it has done a reasonable job of ruling towns and communes; there is little of the corruption that has dogged the Christian Democrats. By being excluded from power for more than 40 years, the Communists have kept their hands relatively clean. And the conspiracies so characteristic of communist parties do not bother Italian voters, who have come to expect behind-the-scenes deals.

"I would like to think that practically anyone can vote for the Communists," declares Signor Natta, whose wife is a devout Catholic.

That is not as cynical as it sounds. The Communists are the nearest one can come to a solid opposition party, and so anyone unhappy with the Christian Democrats and their coalition partners can find a home with the Communists. The party acknowledges the Constitution, is committed to democracy, and its programme is quite sensible — reform of the judiciary, changes in education, and measures to neutralize unemployment (but not wholesale reflation).

Apart from the veterans, the backbone of the party is probably composed of trade unionists and employees of state enterprises. The party has about 29 per cent of the popular vote and is hoping for a 2 per cent improvement.

Nobody excludes the possibility of a



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History shows its human face

The Duchess of York will shortly encounter a remarkable cluster of earlier royalty, lovingly restored to their former glory. Simon Tait reports

History as recorded on the printed page prompts a question: yes, but what did they look like? History as recorded by portrait painters prompts another: yes, but did they really look like that? The photographs on this page are the answer: yes, this is what they really looked like.

Not imagined, not approximated, much less guessed at, Henry VII is as real as the hand brushing his cheek, a gesture across nearly 500 years of history; Lord Nelson really did look like something from the cover of *Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*.

These remarkable images, salvaged from fire, flood and the ravages of time, painstakingly restored in gloomy rooms, represent the life-size effigies of the royal and the great. Their home is Westminster Abbey, and when they go back on show there later this month, after a lengthy restoration, they will have undergone a remarkable change.

"This is the first time they have ever been displayed with any attempt to give a picture of what they were made for and how they were displayed and carried," says Canon Anthony Harvey, the abbey's canon steward. "For the first time people will see what the point of these effigies was."

They are history, and they have a history. The Victoria and Albert Museum supervised the £12,000 restoration programme, and the V & A's Julian Litten was brought in to delve into the purpose and function of the early models - known in the 18th century as "The Ragged Regiment" because they were so tatty.

Based originally on French court etiquette of the late 13th century, effigies were a fashion in England for several hundred years. At funerals, they were used to represent the deceased, the effigy taken from a death mask (or sometimes a life mask); the body and its clothing correct to the finest detail.

Of the 18 figures on show, seven will form the central part of the exhibition in the

abbey's £450,000 museum, to be opened by the Duchess of York on June 23. The seven are medieval and their survival, even in part - those with only wooden heads and torsos made of hay, canvas and plaster have now lost their bodies - is a miracle.

The head of Henry VII has survived, although the nose is a restoration. Henry, first of the Tudor monarchs, died in 1509 and is buried with his wife, Elizabeth of York, in a tomb in the abbey. The head originates from a genuine death mask but flooding, after a wartime incendiary bomb hit the abbey, had reduced the body to a damp mass of plaster, canvas, hay and wood. It was beyond restoration, but there is a sense in which it lives on: from the hay, a dozen species of plants were retrieved, including spring clover blossoms and the seeds of autumn vetch pods.

Katherine de Valois, queen of Henry V, and grandmother of Henry VII, is also there, all 5ft 4in of her. Her vermilion dress is painted on her body with a groove around the head to take a crown. There is also Richard II's first wife, Anne of Bohemia, who originally had a wig made of brown hair, vestiges having been found under a nail. A fragment from the shoulder of Elizabeth of York, Henry VII's wife, shows she was dressed in gold satin.

But the chief restoration work has been done on the later effigies, which are of wax.

"They were used in a supine state until the death of James I," says Litten. "With Charles II they decided to save money at the funeral and just represent him as a crown on a purple cushion, like a king's brother."

But an effigy was made later - perhaps because the king had followed the fashion of the 1660s and had a life mask made - so an uncannily realistic 6ft 2in figure of Charles in the oldest complete set of Garter robes, including matching knickers, stood over the Stuart vault, the last effigy to be ordered by the Crown.



Lookalikes: Nelson's effigy, bought by Westminster Abbey in 1806 to divert the public from St Paul's; and designer Geraldine Flashman with the head of Henry VII, taken from a death mask

Thereafter they were commissioned by the abbey.

The wax heads have been the responsibility of Valerie Kaufmann, of the restorers Plowden and Smith. Uncounted hours were spent in the infirmeries Hall at the abbey, painstakingly testing and applying eyelashes, repairing previous repairs, restoring colour as much as possible without damaging the wax, which "had become the consistency of a digestive biscuit", Kaufmann says.

"It was very difficult, mainly because of the danger of fire. I hesitate to admit this, but I have to work with a naked flame so I need someone standing by me. I have to control the heat of the spatula so finely that I couldn't use electricity because I'm working with wax in a molten state. And the light was appalling - I haven't even seen them properly yet."

Her favourite, though, is William Pitt the Elder. "They'd gone to immense detail, even to the hair in his nostrils. The workmanship was remarkable, and the texture of the skin was amazing."

Pitt was modelled from the life by an American woman, Patience Wright in 1773 - three years before American independence - when she was almost certainly spying for Benjamin Franklin.

Other curiosities have come to light, like the lead in the

petticoat of Elizabeth I (actually made in the mid-18th century) apparently put there to balance the figure, and the leather petticoat to make Mary II's gown stand out.

The latest model is of Horatio Nelson. It was only during cleaning in 1935 that it was discovered that the effigy had been made by Geraldine Andras, for whom Nelson is known to have sat. It was bought by the abbey in 1806 in an early bid to snap up the tourist trade; the abbey wanted to attract crowds away from Nelson's tomb in St Paul's.

It was much lauded, particularly by Lady Hamilton, for its likeness. Avril Hart, who has been supervising the cleaning and restoration of the costumes, found that Nelson's hat had been made by Locke's, who had chalked the admiral's name inside.

And an eyeshade had been put on. "We've been very intrigued about this because it's a home-made job, we think by a lady..."

MAIN EFFIGIES

- Edward III, died 1377
- Anne of Bohemia, 1394
- Katherine de Valois, 1437
- Elizabeth of York, 1503
- Henry VII, 1509
- Mary I, 1558
- Elizabeth I, 1603
- Anne of Denmark, 1619
- Charles II, 1685
- Duchess of Richmond and Lennox, 1702
- William III, 1702
- Mary II, 1694
- Queen Anne, 1714
- Duchess of Buckingham, 1743
- Marquess of Northampton, 1745
- Duke of Buckingham, 1735
- William Pitt, 1778
- Horatio Nelson, 1805

Full circle for Jaguar?

After two decades in exile from world racing, Jaguar has high hopes of recapturing its winning spirit at Le Mans tomorrow

Thirty years ago this month, a D-Type Jaguar driven by Ron Flockhart burst across the finishing line at Le Mans; it was followed by another, and another and another. A classic British car had taken the first four places in the classic endurance race. Then the Jags came home, spending most of the next two decades in voluntary exile from the world's racing circuits.

Tomorrow, a works team of three new-generation Jaguars lines up at Le Mans with the best chance of turning faded dreams into fresh realities since the company, through its American offshoot, made a tentative return to the track in 1984 and a full works comeback last year.

But if Jaguar succeeds this year, the man at the heart of the campaign will not be wallowing in nostalgia. "The present is more important than the past," says Tom Walkinshaw, whose TWR

company began building a car for Jaguar two years ago.

Jaguar literally quit while it was ahead in the 1950s, having won Le Mans with works entries in 1951, '53, and '55. That was the year it pulled out, for a mixture of reasons: racing development was cost-

ing money needed for investment in its mainstream saloon business, and the company thought that its image needed no further enhancement.

So victory in 1956 and the clean-sweep the following year were achieved by independent entries from the Scottish Ecurie Ecosse team, using cars sold off by Jaguar.

Last year's return to racing was for reasons that mirror the earlier retreat: new commercial success has generated the cash to finance a racing team and, with memories of the 1950s fading, Jaguar needs fresh racing success to enhance its image with a new car-buying generation.

So far this season the TWR Jaguars have won all four races staged in the world championship for sports pro-

types, but Walkinshaw, a 40-year-old Scot who raced for Ford and BMW before going into car development, points out that the total distance of the four races was 2,066.5 miles and there was at least a week between them - whereas the winner at Le Mans will cover well over 3,000 miles in 24 hours, with stops for refuelling and repair times measured in minutes.

Walkinshaw says they are going to Le Mans with a winner, "but we are well aware that this is the toughest race on earth". He has picked drivers who are a good mixture of "chargers" and steady performers - the speed of the Arrows Grand Prix driver Eddie Cheever is balanced by the experience of the Ulsterman John Watson.

The cars incorporate the latest technical advances, such as new bodywork designed with the help of a wind tunnel, and sensors that record if a tyre is overheating. A burst tyre cost Jaguar dear at Le Mans last year. Jaguar and Porsche had battled it out for 16 hours before the last Jaguar retired and left the only surviving Porsche to win the race, the sixth Porsche victory in a row.

Sir John Egan, chairman and chief executive of Jaguar Cars, said afterwards: "We can come back and win with this car." If his prophecy comes true this weekend, Jaguar will have come full circle in more ways than one.

Patrick Mennem
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Thirty years on: Jaguar's new racing generation (left) showing its paces in Spain earlier this year, en route to the dream of repeating the team's 1957 triumph (above) in the gruelling Le Mans

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SATURDAY Schloss-hopper

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THE WAY FROM VENICE

Traditionally, the annual economic summit is mocked as one vast photo-opportunity for the seven leading politicians of the western world — especially those who happen to be trying to get themselves re-elected, and very healthy some of that irreverence is. But the summit, whatever else it is, provides a useful opportunity for the leaders to review the world economic situation and co-ordinate their approach to common economic problems at the highest level.

Aside from the photo-opportunities, it is highly desirable for the leaders of the free world to meet regularly. Not only does it help them to avoid becoming locked into their own rhetoric, it can provide the extra political commitment to make progress on common problems that is simply not available at lowlier gatherings.

Nevertheless, this week's economic summit in Venice has been only one event in a regular chain of high-level meetings on world economic issues. As it happens, the important decisions this year have been taken on other occasions.

At the February meeting of the Group of Seven's finance ministers and central bankers in Paris it was agreed in principle that the United States, Germany and Japan should take appropriate fiscal action to help offset the massive trade imbalance between the US and the two countries in surplus. In the light of this commitment the Group (less Italy) agreed that the current pattern of exchange rates was about right and would be defended.

Six weeks later when the same cast assembled in Washington for the half-yearly meeting of the International Monetary Fund, the dollar/yen rate had dropped sharply and the definition of exchange rate stability had to be adjusted. The fall in the dollar put additional pressure on Japan to convert its pledge in Paris into action. This it duly did with the expansion package announced a fortnight before the summit.

The summit itself, therefore, arrived as a chapter in the story closed. Japanese assurances that the planned packages will indeed be enacted by the Diet must be taken at face

value. Pressure on Germany to follow suit did not break surface publicly this week, partly because movements in foreign exchange markets were not forcing the issue. The Louvre accord on exchange rate stability was duly reaffirmed. That is modestly helpful. But there were no new moves which will do anything in the short term to buttress that stability.

In the longer term the Venice meeting may have opened a new chapter by agreeing what are described in the language of summit communiqués as "strengthened arrangements for multilateral surveillance and economic co-ordination". Following an initiative at last year's summit in Tokyo, the seven have agreed to set national targets for a series of economic indicators and to meet to review the scope for policy action if they diverge from the planned path.

This will help to sharpen up the concept of co-ordinated objectives for the world economy. But there is nothing automatic about any policy changes if the world economy starts to move off the rails. No country is likely to cede that degree of sovereignty. So whether the new arrangements will open a new chapter or simply provide another footnote to the long-running story of international discussion of economic developments remains to be seen.

Several minor themes were also heard in Venice. The Lawson initiative on reducing the burden of debt on the poorest of the African countries made a little more progress. There was some useful tariff disarmament by the Americans vis-à-vis Japan. Sensible things were said about the need to tailor agricultural production more closely to demand.

On the other great issue of economic development — the removal of trade barriers and the liberalization of markets of all kinds — the summit endorsed a list of objectives which Mrs Thatcher must have found gratifyingly in line with British aims over the past eight years: the promotion of competition, measures to improve the functioning of labour markets and the opening up of internal markets. Listing the objectives, however, is one thing; making real progress towards achieving them is another.

TEST CASES AT LORD'S

In two weeks' time the International Cricket Conference (ICC) will debate a West Indian resolution that all cricketers who work in South Africa should be banned from playing in future Test matches. This country's response will be determined by a meeting at Lord's today of the Committee of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB).

The question of sport and apartheid within the Commonwealth was decided 10 years ago, after a fashion, by the Gleneagles Declaration. It ruled that all member nations should take every practical step to "discourage" their nationals from entering into contact with sporting organizations, teams or individuals from South Africa.

The effect has been to isolate South Africa from most major team competitions, but to leave the area of individual contact unclear. While golfers and racing drivers have found little difficulty in continuing their lucrative links with South Africa, athletes have found it almost impossible because of Third World involvement in international competition.

Cricketers have come somewhere in between. Those who have visited the country on so-called "rebel tours" have been banned for varying periods from playing Test cricket for England. Large numbers of English professionals, on the other hand, spend winters playing or coaching in South Africa without forfeiting their Test places. With the Cricketers' Association implacably opposed to any more interference with its members rights, the TCCB's preferred attitude until now has been to leave well alone.

If the West Indians with other Third World

backing were to push through their resolution on June 26, however, it could divide the world of international cricket. It is already threatening the World Cup series which starts in India and Pakistan in October. Moreover, with the debate about sanctions against South Africa likely to re-emerge at the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Vancouver in the autumn, it could impinge more widely on international relations.

When they meet today, therefore, the British cricket authorities would be advised to resist a move which would do little to end apartheid and might rather divide those who should be united in their opposition to it. However distasteful the regime in Pretoria, there must be limits to the sanctions that countries can impose on their own people.

The ICC is digging itself into a position which it may eventually come to regret. One solution might be for it to accept that the West Indian resolution would involve a fundamental change in the rulebooks. This would require the agreement of founder members like Australia and Britain and would open the way for the resolution to be defeated and quietly buried — with, it is to be hoped, honour satisfied.

The other solution would be for the issue to be referred to a committee briefed to examine the whole issue of cricket and apartheid. Such a committee could make a sober assessment over time, instead of the rash judgement that is likely now.

Politics can never be excluded from sport entirely. It can and must, however, be prevented from destroying it.

On the waiting list

From Mr Michael Glasby
Sir, It was heartening to read Professor Irving's letter (June 1) about the causes of post-operative morbidity. I would be fascinated to know if the junior doctors who are so politically vocal included "Government funding" as the cause of post-operative morbidity when they sat the fellowship examination. I would wage not.

Apart from a single comment by Dr David Owen, there has been a curious lack of consideration of the role which doctors themselves play in the "waiting-list saga". For example, I recall as a houseman at teaching hospital A that all routine inguinal hernia operations were performed as day cases on our firm. A friend who was a houseman at teaching hospital B told me that his firm kept all routine hernia patients in bed in hospital for 10 days.

Each consultant argued convincingly for his own regimen both in terms of surgical practice and ultimate cost-effectiveness. However, it is clear that the immediate cost and attrition rate of the waiting list at hospital A must have been one tenth that at hospital B for a given level of amenities.

There are innumerable instances of such differences in the practice of medicine and surgery reflecting one of any doctor's most precious freedoms, namely, that of treating his patient in a way which he, following his informed judgement, thinks best. It is intellectually dishonest to claim that any useful information can be gained merely from a consideration of the absolute size of waiting lists. Yours sincerely, MICHAEL GLASBY, The Royal College of Surgeons in England, Department of Anatomy, 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2.

Problems of energy

From Professor Ian Fells
Sir, It has been suggested several times in recent weeks that a new Conservative Administration will abolish the Department of Energy and absorb its responsibilities into some other super-ministry.

But burying Energy inside some super-ministry will surely be unwise and counter-productive. Energy problems have not gone away, they will get worse in the next 10 years or so as oil prices rise again, with no North Sea to cushion the blow. Nuclear accidents will occur, pressures to protect the environment will become irresistible and the health of the economy will depend upon having a broadly based and flexible energy strategy.

The Department of Energy should retain its autonomy and take advantage of the present lull to prepare for the next energy storm.

Yours faithfully, IAN FELLS, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, Department of Chemical and Process Engineering, Merz Court, Claremont Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Fiji rebellion

From Mr Edward de Bono
Sir, Everyone knows the right answer for Fiji: a legitimately elected government must be allowed to govern. But is the right answer the best answer? Might the right answer just paper over the problem and permit to grow that fungus of sectarian violence?

The very closeness of the ethnic divide in Fiji almost caricatures that major defect of traditional democracy: the failure to deal fairly with significant ethnic minorities that feel permanently

excluded from power (Sri Lanka, Cyprus, Northern Ireland etc).

To wish away ethnic divisions is an exercise in pious futility. To ignore ethnic divisions is to set the scene for violent resentment. To protect minorities is to entrench the divisions. To set power-sharing formulas is to repeat the fragility of Lebanon's past. The fault lies with those crude aspects of democracy that work well enough in homogeneous societies. From where is the creative design of better concepts to come? Not from legal argument, not from political experience and not from those who enjoy the benefits of the existing systems.

Fiji is not a problem but an opportunity to face this issue and to create fresh concepts that can be used elsewhere. Yours sincerely, EDWARD DE BONO, 12 Albany, Piccadilly, W1.

Place of honour

From Mr Michael Wootton
Sir, The Head Teacher of Rosebery School (June 6) should feel neither unworthy nor particularly surprised in being addressed as "the Managing Director" of her school. That is what in fact she is. In addition to being described as a Managing Director I have had letters addressed to my school's Accounts Manager, Purchasing Officer, Public Relations Department, Charity Organiser, Chief Maintenance Engineer and Matron. Each of these titles describes, in part, the job of a head teacher.

A letter addressed to "The Quality Control Department, Nightingale High School," was placed in my in-tray without hesitation. Yours etc, MICHAEL WOOTTON, Headmaster, Nightingale High School, Elmcroft Avenue, Wanstead, E11.

Caring for our nautical heritage

From Mr Edward Wright
Sir, In response to the letter which you published from Mrs Fenwick and Dr Cleere on June 4, may I, as a trustee of the National Maritime Museum and practising boat archaeologist, establish the scope and capacity of the museum's Archaeological Research Centre (ARC).

At its peak, the centre consisted of 11 people of whom six were archaeologists, historians or ethnologists and the rest specialised conservators and scientists. Of this total seven are still in the service of the museum, even though only one now holds a specialised archaeological post at Greenwich. Caution is therefore called for in interpreting the effects of the "deletion of more than 30 posts" on the archaeological discipline.

In 1986, when tenders were called for by the Department of Trade for the provision of a diving archaeological unit to support the work of the Historic Wrecks Advisory Committee, that of the National Maritime Museum was selected in favour of the University of St Andrews.

Without any disrespect to the successful candidate, I think that decision was mistaken and short-sighted and that the opportunity should not have been missed to strengthen the resource at what is the logical national centre for such expertise. The additional government funding made available would have enabled the NMM to maintain a much stronger archaeological presence.

The NMM has faced the realities of this situation by taking the necessary painful decisions needed to balance its books: human resources have had to be concentrated on what are seen to demand the highest priorities.

Nevertheless, the ARC has in its lifetime achieved two signal successes: the establishment and dissemination of a body of doctrine and method to guide archaeologists in handling some of the most sensitive and challenging artefacts in the whole repertoire, and the elimination of the greater part of the backlog of investigation and publication of the evidence relating to the known examples of ancient boats in this country.

The past head of the centre, Dr Sean McGrail, now occupies a

personal chair of maritime archaeology at Oxford funded by the museum, completing his own programmes and the induction of a new generation of students.

Meanwhile, the museum can still provide advice on sources and methods. If those problems are of sufficient importance, as was the case with emergencies such as the Graveney find in 1971 or that of the Haselme log-boat in 1983, all available hands will be released to help.

Yours faithfully, EDWARD WRIGHT, Hall Place, Wycombe End, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, June 8.

From Dr Margarita Russell
Sir, Mrs V. H. Fenwick and Dr Henry Cleere criticise the National Maritime Museum for discontinuing a nautical archaeological research programme in order to devote its limited resources fully to "the greater strength of collection management".

Your correspondents seem to forget that the first duty of a museum is indeed the conservation, study, display and strengthening of its collections. Their letter refers disapprovingly to the present director's concern for the paintings collection. This criticism is quite unjustified.

The paintings collection of the National Maritime Museum is one of the finest not only in this country but in the world. The quality and range of the museum's marine paintings, from the sixteenth to the twentieth century, are unsurpassed. Yet they have hitherto received little attention and few people know about the extent and value of the collection.

It is fortunate that the museum has now appointed a director who understands paintings and cares for them. The paintings are a precious historic and artistic heritage, the expert management of which must be one of the museum's foremost concerns.

Archaeological research, no matter how deserving in itself, cannot legitimately claim any priority in the museum's programmes. Yours faithfully, M. RUSSELL, 63 Shakespeare Tower, Barbican, EC2.

Future of the ILEA

From the Leader of the London Borough of Islington and others
Sir, As Leaders of Labour-controlled boroughs in inner London we wish to make clear our absolute rejection of Kenneth Baker's invitation to quit the ILEA and take over provision of education within our boroughs. One of the reasons we need an ILEA is that it enables the rich parts of London, such as the City and Westminster, to support the education of children in the poorer parts of London. This proposal is nothing more than an invitation to the wealthy City to absolve themselves of this duty.

Parents, governors and her Majesty's Inspectors have all given their support to the work of the authority. Indeed, it was their combined opposition which thwarted the Government's plans to abolish the ILEA. Educationally and financially the break-up of the ILEA would be disastrous for

London. We will have nothing to do with it.

It is clear that the Government is frustrated to see Labour winning a clear majority in the first ILEA elections and is now trying to abolish ILEA by the back door.

The only people who will suffer will be the children on whom our future depends. The investment in the education of those young people is crucial to the health and well-being of our country. Yours faithfully, MARGARET HODGE, Leader, London Borough of Islington, TONY DYKES (Camden), DAVE PICTON (Greenwich), ANDREW FUDGE (Hackney), GORDON PRENTICE (Hammersmith & Fulham), LINDA BELLOS (Lambeth), DAVE SULLIVAN (Lewisham), ANNE MATTHEWS (Southwark), 36 Old Queen Street, SW1, June 8.

Contacts with Aids

From the Chairman of the British Medical Association Council
Sir, Doctors have always accepted that in order to carry out their professional duties to patients, both contractually and ethically, they will at certain times place themselves at risk of illness and injury.

Dr Gordhandas (June 3) is wrong. Many diseases in the past were lethal to contacts. This did not deter doctors from their duty to those who were ill, whilst knowing the risks. They took sensible precautions to protect themselves, health care professionals and other staff.

With Aids it is easier. We know how it is spread: by unprotected sex and by contaminated blood.

Slanging match

From Mr John Marshall
Sir, Further to Mr Beale's discovery (June 3) of words expressing contempt such as *twerp*, *berk* and *nerd*, the very title of the book he quotes from, *A Dictionary of Slang*, contains, within its spelling, another common denominator of unpleasant words, the initial consonant cluster *sl*.

It produces that group that includes *slut*, *slab*, *slag*, *slicker*, *slown*, *slow-coach*, *stuggard*, all of which refer unkindly to people. Perhaps it explains why Trollope gave his rather undesirable creation the name, Mr Slope.

The Ward case

From Professor Emeritus Sir William H. Trethowan
Sir, What seems to have escaped Lord Denning and others who have commented on the trial of Stephen Ward was that it was essentially a witchcraft trial, an anachronism left over from a previous century. Certainly it contained all the principal elements found in most witchcraft trials — sex, prejudice, politics, guilt, shame, hysteria and human sacrifice (in this case Ward's own self-sacrifice).

Doctors will continue, therefore, to discharge their responsibilities. Yours faithfully, JOHN MARKS, Chairman, British Medical Association Council, BMA House, Tavistock Square, WCI.

Charities appeal

From the Chairman of the Family Welfare Association
Sir, There is a "Donor's Digest of Charities" (Mr Winslip's letter, June 9). It is called the *Charities Digest* and it is produced each year by the Family Welfare Association.

Yours faithfully, PETER PURTON, Chairman, The Family Welfare Association, 501-505 Kingsland Road, Dalston, E8.

The list of thing-words and adjectives related semantically to this group is prolific and, regrettably and unjustifiably, includes my home town, Slough. I sometimes wish the "friendly bombs" had obliterated the first two consonants... but then, I suppose, we Slough-folk should have been left with *Ough*. Not a lot better.

Yours sincerely, JOHN MARSHALL, c/o Dept of English for Speakers of Other Languages, Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, WCI, June 4.

was done to death, or Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* which, although dramatized, is probably the best account of the "Witches of Salem".

But, as usual, it is we the onlookers, who obtained so much vicarious pleasure from these and other affairs, who are the most to blame. Yours sincerely, W. H. TRETOWAN, 99 Bristol Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Radiation levels that affect us all

From Professor E. A. Davis
Sir, In the light of articles in *The Times* and elsewhere on radioactive discharges from UK nuclear establishments and on contamination levels following the Chernobyl disaster, it might be useful to put the respective doses into perspective by drawing attention to the levels of radiation to which we are all, mainly unavoidably, exposed.

In the UK the average dose of radiation received by each and every one of us is approximately 0.2 rems (or 2 millisieverts) per year. This varies by about a factor of two, depending on where we live and on our lifestyle.

To simplify matters for those not familiar with the various and often confusing units used, I will call the average level of radiation received per person "background". Approximately 20 per cent of background radiation is received from naturally occurring radioactive potassium within our own bodies, 30 per cent is from gamma rays and cosmic rays which continuously bombard the Earth, and 40 per cent comes from radon and thoron gases emitted from the ground and buildings. This leaves 10 per cent, most of which is received in medical diagnosis, in particular from X-radiography.

Fallout from bomb tests of earlier decades contributes about 1 per cent. The Chernobyl disaster has contributed, in the first year following the accident, on the average 1.5 per cent and, in the worst-affected areas, 10 per cent of the background. Discharges from nuclear establishments are at the level of 0.1 per cent.

If some of these doses seem small then it should be noted that the background level itself is very low. In terms of the chances of contracting cancer, it is a fact that 25 per cent of us will die from cancer contracted for reasons

Rich and poor

From the Editor of the Sunday Telegraph
Sir, Well-off people are no longer frightened of the poor. Some of the well-off even feel that the class war is over and that they have won it. It was this rather ugly and arrogant attitude, much more widespread than you, Sir, are prepared to admit, which I described as "bourgeois triumphalism", and it is sad to learn from your leader today (June 10) that *The Times* is not prepared to join the *Sunday Telegraph* in urging Mrs Thatcher to disassociate herself from it.

Yours faithfully, PEREGRINE WORSTHORNE, 135 Fleet Street, EC4.

Britain's citadel

From Mr D. M. Evans
Sir, Vietnam, quoted by Dr Weaver (June 4) as an example of guerrilla-based defence, is hardly convincing in a UK context. It was intervention by the regular North Vietnamese Army, and not solely guerrilla activity by the Vietcong, that caused the collapse of the South — and that after the United States had withdrawn for domestic and international political reasons.

Dr Weaver's other examples are equally unconvincing. The liberation and unification of Italy owed most to the efforts of King Victor Emmanuel II of Piedmont, his regular army and their French allies; Norway was never liberated as a result of its own efforts but because of the conventionally achieved defeat of Nazi Germany by the Soviet Union and the Western Allies; the Soviet Union is unlikely to be thrown out by the *mujahideen*.

The argument for UK defence at home does away with the one great defence asset we possess that costs nothing: the sea and our island position. We are in the very privileged position of being in a citadel with a very impressive moat and can do our fighting in other people's "back yards", something many other nations would dearly love to be able to do. Yours faithfully, D. M. EVANS, Centre for Operational Research and Defence Analysis, CAP Scientific Ltd, 22 Long Acre, WC2.

Bentley design

From Mr Iain W. May
Sir, May I respectfully point out that the 'car shown in your photograph of June 8 taken at the Brooklands reunion meeting is a Lagonda V12 and not a Bentley. It was, however, designed by W. O. Bentley and was entered in the 1939 Le Mans 24 Hours Race and finished in third place. Yours faithfully, IAIN W. MAY, 68 Savill Road, Lindfield, Haywards Heath, West Sussex.

Wishing to have the case consigned to history. Surely the Chairman of Jonathan Cape, Tom Maschler, is right to point out (May 28) that Stephen Ward's fate, more tragic in its outcome than Profumo's, does seem to have been the outcome of "an historic injustice".

other than damage by radiation. Exposure to a radiation level 1 times as high as the average background for a continuous period of 50 years (or a single dose equal to 500 times the annual background) would be required to increase the probability of death from cancer by 1 per cent.

In contrast, consumption of 11 lb of lamb with the government imposed upper limit of 1.00 becquerels of caesium 137 would contribute, before being excreted only 2.5 per cent of the annual background level — a risk equivalent to smoking a single cigarette.

The figures I have presented may be challenged in detail but their magnitudes, derived from reliable sources, are not in dispute. They may serve to give assurance to — except heavy smokers. Yours faithfully, E. A. DAVIS, University of Leicester, Department of Physics, University Road, Leicester, June 4.

ON THIS DAY

JUNE 12 1903
King Alexander of Serbia's reign had been so unpopular that there was little outcry over his assassination.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE

MURDER OF THE KING AND QUEEN OF SERBIA

A MILITARY REVOLUTION. PRINCE PETER KARAGEORJEVICH PROCLAIMED. (From Our Own Correspondent.)

VIENNA, June 11. A telegram despatched from Semlin to the *Neue Freie Presse* at 6 o'clock this morning states that the Serbian army last night proclaimed Prince Peter Karageorjevich King of Serbia. Troops immediately surrounded the Palace, and, forcing an entrance, assassinated King Alexander and Queen Draga...

Telegrams to the *Neues Wiener Tagblatt* confirm this intelligence, and add that, besides the King and Queen, there were assassinated the Queen's brother, two of the Queen's sisters, a general, an aide-de-camp, and 12 men of the guard.

Prince Peter Karageorjevich, son of Alexander Karageorjevich, who was Prince of Serbia from 1842 to 1858, was born at Belgrade in 1846. He married, in August, 1883, Princess Zorka, daughter of Prince Nicholas of Montenegro, who bore him several sons. He has, however, been a widower since March, 1890. He has hitherto resided at Geneva.

LATER

Serbia, the land of assassinations, abdications, *pronouncements* and *coups d'Etat*, has surpassed itself and caused all previous achievements to pale into insignificance beside the tragedy enacted between midnight and the small hours of this morning at Belgrade. A Central Asian Khanate, not European city, would have been a fitting theatre for such ruthless and accurately planned regicide. France has seen her President, Austria her Empress, and Italy her King struck down by assassins within the last ten years; but no parallel can be found in recent European history for such wholesale extinction of a reigning family and of its partisans...

The decision to assassinate the King and Queen was taken months ago by the corps of superior officers at Belgrade. The 6th Infantry Regiment was selected for the work, and Colonel Naumovitch, aide-de-camp of the King, was entrusted with its execution. Towards 11 o'clock last night he, being on service, burst open the door of the Royal bedchamber with a bomb and rushed in, followed by Colonel Mishitch and several younger officers of the 6th Infantry. The Palace guard, drawn from the Royal Horse Guards, had previously been overpowered, and their officer, Captain Panajotovitch, shot by men of the same infantry regiment. Colonel Naumovitch laid before the King a formula of abdication containing expressions outrageous towards Queen Draga and attributing the ruin of the country to her marriage with King Alexander. King Alexander, exasperated, shot Naumovitch dead, but Colonel Mishitch seized the document and again demanded the Royal signature. The King and Queen thereupon fled to the roof, where they were shot by the pursuing officers. The mortal wound is said to have been inflicted upon the King by Major Lazarevitch, whom he had disgraced two years previously.

As soon as the King and Queen were disposed of, the conspirators turned their attention to the brothers of Queen Draga, Colonel Nikodem and Nikola Lungevica, both of whom were shot as they left their houses towards 2 a.m. The Premier, General Zinzar Markovitch, his brother-in-law, Jovan Milko-vitch, the Minister of the Interior, M. Theodorovitch, and the War Minister, General Pavlovitch, were all shot in their houses...

The year referred to in *On This Day* on June 10 was 1946, not 1945.



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JACKINGHAM PALACE... His Excellency the Governor...

His Excellency Dr Luis Querezo Solis-Romero was received in audience by the Queen...

Mr N J Barrington was received in audience by the Queen...

Mr George Harris had the honour of being received by the Queen...

Her Royal Highness attended by Brigadier General Robert...

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight...

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips...

Her Royal Highness was represented by the Hon Angus Ogilvy...

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips...

Phillips, Master of the Worshipful Company of Carmen...

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by the Earl of Dundee...

CLARENCE HOUSE... The Queen, Elizabeth The Queen Mother...

YORK HOUSE... The Duke of Kent was present at the Memorial Service...

TRATCHED HOUSE LODGE... The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor, visited Cambridge University today.

Princess Alexandra was represented by the Hon Angus Ogilvy...

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A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Lytton will be held on Tuesday, June 30...

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Harriet Martineau, novelist, Norwich, 1802; Charles Kingsley, novelist, Holne, Devon, 1819...

DEATHS: William Collins, poet, Chichester, 1799; Thomas Arnold, educator, Rugby, 1842...

Dinners

Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers' Company... The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress...

Lucifer Golfing Society... Sir Archibald Forbes presided at the annual dinner of the Lucifer Golfing Society...

Today's royal engagements... The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Leys School, Cambridge...

Princess Margaret, as President of the St John Ambulance Association and Brigade...

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Cabinet exceeds expectations

The late Herman Baer was a London dealer whose rather symbolic and shapely cabinet bought in was a lovely collection of Italian 'specimens' marble and glass circular table top centering on a head of Mercury...



Konrad Bernheimer, a Munich dealer, with two contrasting items from the International Ceramics Fair...

Memorial Service... The Marquess of Lintlogh was represented by the Earl of Dundee...

St Paul's Girls' School... The following Foundation Awards are announced to take effect from September 1987...

Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders... The annual general meeting of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders...

Forthcoming marriages... Mr E.G. Mason and Miss J.E. Beckly... The engagement is announced between Edward, younger son of Major and the Hon Mrs F.E.L. Mason...

Marriages... Mr H.R.F. Osborne and Miss L.L. Miles... The engagement is announced between Henry, younger son of Mr and Mrs H.D. Osborne...

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MR GEOFFREY CORN

Enterprising exporter with moral values

Mr Geoffrey Corn, CBE, who died on June 4 at the age of 87, was a former chairman of the family firm Richards Tiles Ltd...

Schools announcements... The King's School, Canterbury Entrance Scholarships...

Professor James McGee... During the war McGee worked on electronic image converters (infra-red light) which had practical application to photo-electronics...

MR WINTROP BROWN... Major Derek Allhusen writes: Those of us who served under Sir Hugh Linstead...

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Stockport Grammar School... The 500 years of Stockport Grammar school's history is being portrayed at the Stockport Art Gallery until June 27.

Service Dinners... Cuddih's Righ... The Earl of Cromartie presided at a dinner of the Cuddih's Righ, Duke of Albany's Club...

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Advertisement for Hygena kitchen collection, featuring images of kitchen units and promotional text: 'The new Hygena kitchen collection', 'send for your FREE colour brochure now!', 'SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY OFFERS'.

THE ARTS

Labour lord

Last night two men from different continents reflected on their distinctly odd standing in their respective societies. Lord John de Courcy, 35th Baron Kinsale and Premier Baron of Ireland, is that perennial of popular journalism, a peer of the realm who gets his living by manual labour. If he worked in a cigarette factory he would doubtless be known as a tobacco baron; as it is, he works as plumber and odd-job man in a Somerset village.

Lord John (BBC2) majored on the anomalies of his everyday life. One moment the plumbing peer was poking

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long sticks down a recalcitrant drain, the next he was handing over the ancestral castle to the people of Kinsale. Always keen on the possibilities of a free feed, he seems to spend his time switching from evening clothes to gumboots and back again.

This was stylishly achieved. A close-up of his benign, rather fussy face beginning an after-dinner speech pulled back to reveal that he was in fact rehearsing on his hearth-rug - an effect which might have been plucked from *Lucky Jim*.

The patrician voice that issued from beneath a neighbour's U-bend had some trenchant things to say about modern values ("all wrong") and the class system ("should be abolished"); but, for all his democratic ideals, Lord Kinsale appeared nostalgic for the vanished age of paternalism.

Having squandered the family silver in his youth, Lord John is effectively *déclassé*, having made some ill-advised remarks 40 years ago, the American journalist Penn Kimball in *Citizen K* (also BBC2) traced the disturbing story of his fight to squeeze information on his absurd status as "a national security risk" from the State Department, the FBI and the CIA.

The Freedom of Information Act allows US citizens to have sight of sensitive documents which are often rendered near-meaningless by the censor's black ink. The programme itself suffered from the Missing Witness syndrome, as Mr Kimball's voice-over reconstructed the stages of his heroic quest by describing events which were patently not happening on screen.

Martin Cropper

Fiery stress on sensual rage

Ingmar Bergman has been directing plays for all but 50 years, drawing on the full range of European and American theatre, which makes it the more surprising that until now he has not applied his formidable creative genius to this cornerstone of our culture. However, the late timing is lucky for us. Produced at the Royal Dramatic Theatre in Stockholm last winter, his first *Hamlet* has coincided with our National Theatre's ability to house visiting foreign companies again, the first time for many years.

Passionate, sensual, tightly knit and persuasively motivated, the production thrillingly creates a close group of individuals, all intent on accumulating knowledge of one another, and frequently remaining on stage after their scenes, watching from beyond the perimeter of a downstage circle where the action is concentrated.

This greatly enriches the characters, particularly the staid Ophelia of Pernilla Ostergren, who can be seen witnessing and absorbing the full horror of the adult world. At the same time it gives a tremendous sense of the pressure of events pushing the play onward, lapping one scene over into the next, so that in retrospect the play seems to have been constructed of two immense, continuous acts, separated by a break before the "play within the play".

Bergman makes a number of cuts, not just those made by

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Hamlet Lyttelton

every director sensitive to the needs of his audience, but speeches that few British directors would dare to leave out. Gone is Ophelia's "Oh, what a noble mind is here o'erthrown" along with several other speeches, and the contents of duologues are shorn to the essence Bergman wishes to preserve. Again, the purpose is to keep the action flowing and to prevent attention straying from the sexual rage at the heart of the play. For the same reason there is only one soliloquy as such, the others being imaginatively addressed to attentive listeners.

It is a vigorously physical production. After the sombre isolation of the opening, with the Ghost the only brilliant object in sight, struggling to reach the humans in the circle, colour and carnality burst upon the scene with the arrival of the King and Queen, Borje Ahlstedt and Gunnel Lindblom. Cloaked in luscious red, they paw and grab each other's limbs, tumble to the floor and swinishly couple. When Ophelia is prepared as bait for Hamlet, the Queen lends her own lipstick and provocatively loosens the girl's shoulder-strap.

Peter Stormare, a sparely-built actor, lean of face, and

with his hair cropped short back and sides, has the look of an Irish seminarian wracked by sexual desires. Whatever his previous relations with Ophelia, the touch of a woman now makes him throw up - he almost does so after his mother embraces him. Embracing chaps relieves the tension, golden-haired Horatio mostly, but the actor due to play the Queen is given a quick grope. Rosecrantz, too, gets a jab in the privates.

Hamlet's tormenting of Ophelia is frightening in its sexual enmity, and all his behaviour is vicious from this point on. He stabs Polonius through the arras at eye-height and then really finishes him off. Violence reaches its peak at the close when Fortinbras has Horatio shot, shoves the corpses into a mass grave and praises the dead Hamlet in front of television cameras and a miniskirted interviewer. This carries estrangement from the text further than the implications can stretch.

The coherence of the play has already begun to slacken after the graveyard scene, when Ulf Johanson's Grave-digger tugs a worm from Yorick's eye-hole. Perhaps the strain of linking spoken Swedish with remembered English was beginning to tell. After Bergman brought his *Hedda Gabler* here he was persuaded to direct it for the National in English. I hope they can bring it off a second time.

Jeremy Kingston



Sexual enmity: Hamlet (Peter Stormare, looking like the young Ingmar Bergman) tormenting Ophelia (Pernilla Ostergren)

On the evidence of this splendidly committed and incisive Almeida Festival realization, we have waited far too long for a chance to see Brecht's and Eisler's didactic 1930 music-drama (last performed in this country in 1936), misled by a false idea of its unique political contentions. Certainly the bare bones of the story sound rebarbative: one of a group of four Communist agitators sent to China to foment revolution is bumped off by his comrades because, despite bravery and good intentions, he becomes "a risk to the movement". But any suggestion that this is a stonily unfeeling, proto-Stalinist piece, urging the indiscriminate slaughter of wet liberals,

The Decision Union Chapel

is contradicted by the humanity and wry humour of the characterization, and the palpable difficulty of the decision.

The startling, ominous brass and drums of Eisler's prelude music, accompanying a thrillingly full-bodied chorus, immediately conveyed a mood of menacing urgency. This is confirmed by the precipitate entry of the four agitators, sweeping through the pews of the magnificent Congregational Union Chapel (an octagonal domed space half-way between Santa Sophia and the Prudential building whose only draw-

back is a muddly acoustic) like apocalyptic horsemen. The agitators admit to the murder of the Young Comrade and ask the chorus to judge them on the evidence of a series of flashback scenes relating the course of their mission.

In one, the Young Comrade (an almost Wodehousian performance by Adam Robertson) watches aghast as the rice-barge hauliers struggle in the mud under the overseer's pitiless lash. Stephen Unwin draws superb acting from Tilda Swinton in particular and uses one long white rope to bring this scene to life with brilliant economy. The Comrade's well-meant interference is futile and ultimately obstructive. The next step on his

road to hell is an encounter with an unscrupulous merchant (Philip Dugan giving an unforgettable singing-acting cameo, leaping about like a malignant toad), whose useful services he rejects on grounds of honour.

One may disagree with Brecht's conclusion that "only force can alter this murderous world", but one can hardly remain unmoved by the biting conviction of his and Hans Eisler's inspiration, especially when it is matched by some musicians (the Matrix Ensemble and Robert Ziegler in cracking form) and singers in such an incandescent performance.

Harry Eyres

CONCERT

Berlin PO/ Karajan Festival Hall

folding of both first movements and, in No 2's Allegretto, almost a mystical dwelling on certain moments, as if unwilling to let them pass.

Of course, this orchestra - still the supreme example of German precision engineering - produces ravishing sounds in every department. The passacaglia's episodes displayed some gorgeous solo tone (and who could blame Karajan for milking it for "effect" a little obviously?), and the brass brought about a peroration of savage glory. But Karajan, not the individual players, was responsible for the exquisite instrumental balances. Brahms's "stodgy" textures seemed as luminous as anything in Debussy without ever renouncing their many-stranded essence.

Those who sense some great struggle in Brahms's music

(Mr Kinnock, perhaps) might not have enjoyed all this. The Karajan smoothness - that famous amalgam of silky string tone, seamless woodwind articulation and long-term phrasing - tended to ride over the music's thrusting asymmetries like a superior limousine gliding over a bumpy track. Yet Karajan's way of building each movement towards one magnificent unleashing of the full orchestral tutti refuted any suggestion of blandness.

What delighted most, however, was a feeling that Karajan and his players seem to have acquired a new impulsiveness. For years they functioned on the most disciplined principles of pre-ordained orderliness. Now the reins have been slackened. Perhaps the ensemble is not quite so precise, and tempo-changes certainly take longer to settle. But the compensation lay in hearing Karajan turn, for instance, the finale of No 2 into a glorious romp: full of outrageous variations in pace. It took the risks that Karajan in mid-life would surely have eliminated as unacceptable.

Richard Morrison

Making peace with the past

It took Michael Ignatieff just over 10 years, from his late twenties to his fortieth birthday last month, to hatch a book he had long known he had to write, the story of his grandmother Natasha and grandfather Paul, Minister of Education in the last cabinet of Tsar Nicholas II, and the family's departure into exile in Canada. Ten years pondering *The Russian Album*: one year writing it. The break came with the realization that it did not, as he had always thought, have to be about his own roots: it was their story, not his.

"At the end of her life", Ignatieff explains, "my grandmother wrote, in uncleaned up and wonderful English, for her grandchildren, about herself, about her childhood Easters on remote Russian estates, about her marriage in Nice, about a kind of dawning sense of the collapse of everything she knew and loved. I had always felt a certain anger about the exploitative way people use history like a museum to dip into. But I read this and it became clear that I owed her something. I had a feeling of an old woman actually speaking to me, and I wanted to say 'I can hear you'."

It is hardly surprising that Ignatieff feels an almost excessive concern with the past. His first memory is not of himself but of his father, talking about his parents. Furthermore his own childhood, if containing none of the turmoils that beset his ancestors, was one of constant movement. He chronicles it efficiently and fluently.

"My father was a diplomat, anxious to be an assimilated Canadian professional, a man who had made his peace with the past. From '47 to '48 we were in New York, in the Village. From '48 to '52, the whole McCarthy era, at the time when American society was at its nastiest, we were in Washington. London between '53 and '54. I remember the Coronation, bomb-sites and fog, but it was then that my relationship with England began. Then to Yugoslavia. London again. Ottawa. Paris. Geneva. From the age of 11 on, I spent the term-times in a posh Canadian boarding school."

His university was Toronto, where work in the lecture-halls came to matter considerably less than what went on outside: it was the height of the American civil rights movement and the war in Vietnam. Ignatieff marched and thought. In 1968 he went to work for Trudeau, one of the thousands of young

Caroline Moorehead meets Michael Ignatieff, whose fascinating volume of family history, *The Russian Album*, has just been published



Michael Ignatieff: "I owed something"

Canadians swept along by a glorious feeling of change. It was at this moment, however, that his life took an unexpected turn. The obvious next step would have been to stay on the Trudeau bandwagon and join the administration. Ignatieff considers his decision not too fundamental. "I felt ignorant, under-educated. I saw it would have been to follow my father's tracks." Instead he went off to Harvard to write a PhD on penitentiaries in the industrial revolution and to teach at a maximum-security prison south of Boston.

As with civil rights, it was this parallel concern that came to interest him more. "It was a horrible experience of what the bottom of American society is like. I have this image in my mind: inside the prison, there was an inner prison, an inner circle of Dante's Inferno. When you went on the walkway all you could see were these little mirrors on toothbrushes, a long line of Cyclopean eyes gazing at you. It was the only way prisoners could see who was coming."

In 1978 he was offered a senior research fellowship at King's College, Cambridge. He took it with pleasure, and

settled down to six years of academia, producing a first book - "with which to prove I could do scholarship - you only have to do it once" - and then a second, an essay called *The Needs of Strangers*, on philosophy and "the art of being human". By now, the charm of university life was growing very thin. "I decided to go for Grub Street, and Grub Street suits me just fine."

Ignatieff's Grub Street is a superior place. He reviews; he writes occasional long articles; and he has become an admired presenter of intelligent late-night talk-shows on television, a role he laughingly describes as "being the man who facilitates world-class windbags" though he defends the importance of serious television. What he likes about his life is its urgency. "As a freelance, you can't dally. You have to hit the track running."

Ignatieff is at a marvellous moment. He is a tall, thin, engaging man who takes evident delight in his two small children, one of them a new baby, and his work stretches out before him, in a great circle of possibilities. He is about to go off, for two months, to a small house he owns in the Valais, to consider his next move, to work out how to avoid the faded epemy of promise, the "frittering away of time doing this and that".

There is the unfinished business of prisons, still not fully resolved in his mind after 12 years, and about which he would like to write. There is a "modernistic Russian saga", starting in the 1880s and going through the Revolution. There is undoubtedly fiction of some kind, for he does not simply admire Bellow, Roth and Julian Barnes "almost to the point of idolatry" but believes with great conviction in the art of fiction itself, which for him "leaves all the other modern disciplines - economics, sociology, psychology - standing when it comes to a description of what life is like today. I want", he says, "to be an historian of the present."

Would he think of going back to a university? "I don't know. Possibly. It depends. I think you have to be extremely stubborn. I'm a very contrary figure. I suppose it's arrogant to want life on your own terms, but life is very, very tough. I've been a good student all my life and I'm bloody well used up with it. I want to go my own way."

The Russian Album is published by Chatto & Windus at £11.95.

Advertisement for 'SERIOUS MONEY IS SERIOUSLY FUNNY' featuring Wyndham's Theatre and listing ticket prices.

Just a touch too severe

Even the most devoted enthusiast of baroque music might feel his loyalty tested by the thought of a whole concert of 17th-century canzonas and sonatas played on the impressively inflexible recorder by anyone other than Frans Bruggen.

To be frank, there were times when the group Hortas

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Musicians, from Amsterdam, did administer the music a little severely. One exception was a touch of David Munrow's sparkle, even if that might have meant sacrificing a degree of authenticity.

Nevertheless this was an enlightening programme and, face-faced or not, the playing of Peter Holtslag (recorders), Siebe Henstra (harpisichord) and Lucia Swarts (cello) was always neat and often elegant. There were moments, too, where the spirit of improvisation was kept very much alive, for instance in Montalban's Sinfonia, published in 1629.

But the purpose of the recital was unapologetically didactic, and it was undeniably fascinating to be shown the development of a form from the early 17th-century canzonas of Frescobaldi, Riccio and Notari through to the well-shaped sonatas of Benedetto Marcello and Corelli. And, if you wanted something in the way of light refreshment, there was a wholly engaging suite of dances by Falconieri between times.

lowering of cultural barriers. His reputation in the East, however, has long been well established. He won second prize in the Moscow Tchaikovsky Competition back in 1962, and as the piano soloist of Peking's Central Philharmonic Society from 1965 he was also one of those collectively responsible for the composition of the notorious "Yellow River" Concerto. Sadly, though, while in a straightforward little sonata by Galuppi he showed that he had plenty of warm, singing tone, his theatrical mannerisms both there and in Liszt's B minor Sonata were far too artificial.

It was a pity that one had to leave another recital, given by the cellist Richard Lester and the pianist Alan Gravill, in order to get to Yin's. Though neither Lester nor Gravill is an inexperienced performer, theirs is a new partnership, and it works well. In Beethoven's F major Cello Sonata, Op 5 No 1, both players contributed to a reading of impressive intensity, each well aware of the significance of the other's music. Their rhythms were always well sprung, while the balance between the two instruments was carefully calculated and the quality of the sound never sweetened too much.

Stephen Pettitt

Advertisement for 'A FORTNIGHT OF MUSIC AND MORE' featuring André Previn and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at the South Bank Centre.

Advertisement for 'CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL 1987' featuring jazz at the Corn Exchange.

Advertisement for 'DESERT BLOOM' featuring Jon Voight, Jobeth Williams, Ellen Barkin, and Annabeth Gish.

Advertisement for 'RSC/Royal Insurance ARMCHAIR PROMS 1987' featuring Richard II, Romeo and Juliet, and Macbeth at the Barbican.

Seduction on sale

Would either of the advertisements shown here persuade you to buy? Some professionals say they would. But if 70 per cent of advertising is aimed at women, why is 99 per cent of it so stale? Caroline Phillips investigates

The first incident of sales promotion in action, according to Iain Arthur, occurred in Genesis, in the Garden of Eden. Adam ate an apple from the Tree of Knowledge and paid the price. In this case the snake was the salesman, the tree was superbly merchandised, with excellent display support material and the price was self-doubt. "So what part did Eve have to play in this point-of-sale decision to purchase?"

Arthur is the managing director of Kingsland Lloyd Peterson, a sales promotion agency. He was speaking to more than 100 delegates (60 per cent of whom were women) at International Business Communications' Advertising and Marketing to Women' two-day conference this week.

Women are important to advertisers; more than 70 per cent of advertising is now aimed at them. (Call it £350 million to the advertiser, if you will.) "Women are more important than men", in the laconic words of speaker Carol Reay, management planning director of Jenner Keating Becker Reay advertising agency. In 1987 women have more spending power than ever before. They may be 42 per cent of the labour force, but they account for 80 per cent of consumer expenditure. And research shows that their self-perceptions are changing. Their need for "self identity" is growing.

Yet many speakers at the conference maintained that the attentions of advertisers are being misdirected. Kay Scorch, an advertising consultant, spoke particularly of the lost tribe of the post-war generation: the "greying" population, in ad speak. "A lot of energy and attention is devoted to young people and yuppies," she said, "but perhaps because we all refuse to grow old, we have neglected the over-45s." By the year 2000, more than 23 per cent of the population will be aged between 45 and 64; they will have well in excess of £18.8 billion of disposable income, and make their own decisions about spending it. Scorch believes it is well worth learning how to, in her words, "seduce the older woman".

"How can it be that there is such a vast amount of out-of-

touch advertising around for women?" asked Reay. She cited the advertisements for Timotei shampoo, with its image of a woman in a poppy field. "An ultra-romantic portrayal that stands out for its inappropriateness." The image-making business "had got the image wrong".

To date, the marketer and advertiser alike have treated women as uniform and as captive — usually at the kitchen sink," explained Ann-Marie Dyas, board account director at Boase Massimi Pollitt advertising agency. "The minute you describe your target audience as 'housewives' or 'mothers' or 'career women', you are into repression and not expression." The advertisers' repertoire of stereotypes, she said, consist of the glamorous woman (a model) with an "interesting" job and probably a BMW or two in the garage; and the unglamorous woman (a mum) living life at the bottom in a spotless kitchen.

Women don't mind being shown doing domestic things, as long as they are seen to be competent and have outside interests. Just as they don't object to nudity as long as it is seen to be relevant to the product — like sunscreen or a shower.

Raising the standards, more research, casting at script stage and generally taking more account of women's views will help to break the moulds. Increasingly women are buying values rather than products. "Philosophy and imagery are the new USPs [unique selling propositions]," explained Dyas. Equality is what is desired, and equality for women is not about a woman in a bowler hat.

It is about changing fan belts rather than hitching lifts, as in the Pretty Polly television commercial. Competent yet retaining her femininity, she wears stockings, but she also knows how to use them to replace the fan-belt.

In the world of advertising fantasy, women's aspirations rarely match the advertisers' conceptions. "Women resent our obsession with the young and beautiful," Dyas said. "They are asking us — loudly — to show more ordinary real women in advertising."

Some have already got



Admirable ads? Kay Scorch, advertising consultant, applauds the Boots No 7 commercial (above) "The girl is having fun"; Iain Arthur, sales promoter, says Dulux's campaign (below) "Recognizes the sensitivity of the female mind"



there. "Both Oxo and Persil, in their different ways, are widely seen as accurate and enjoyable reflections of contemporary life, featuring modern mothers who combine humour, character, warmth and — most important of all — intelligence and individuality," explained Judie Lannon of J Walter Thompson. Oxo ads show a realistic family life, with warts and all sympathetically portrayed. Persil gets away from the traditional washing machine syndrome with its stylish use of a punk and his washing.

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Human nature



BARBARA AMIEL

Did you see the *Daily Mirror's* coverage of the on-air row between Denis Healey and Anne Diamond when she asked him about his wife's use of private medical care? The *Mirror* was outraged at the persecution of Healey by the likes of Diamond, described as "the eight-months pregnant Miss Diamond" whom it then accuses of being less than candid for years about her relationship with "her long-time lover and father of her unborn child". The *Mirror* actually said some pretty vile things about the television presenter all, you understand, in the name of putting the interview in an accurate context, and none of which bear repeating.

Just in case anyone missed the point and mistook the situation for one in which Diamond was being bullied by an obstreperous and unpleasant Healey, there were references to her large salary and a cartoon worthy of *Der Stürmer*, in which the hapless mother-to-be is shown sitting with a tummy big enough for quintuplets as Healey asks: "Tell me, Ms Diamond, when you sell the story of the birth of your baby, which hospital will get the cash?"

I don't expect any tabloid of any political persuasion to spend much time on the finer points of election debate, but this struck me as a particularly sleazy attack. This is not news, but it has some interest because of Peter Jay.

During the election campaign a popular feature in the press was a selection of quotes from well-known people giving their reasons for the way they intended to vote. Most of the intelligentsia who were voting Labour rushed to occupy the moral high ground with what seemed to me rather a lot of snobbish talk about the moral rot and squalor of the Tories. These attitudes in democratic politics coincide with my belief that the philosophy of the totalitarian Left is most dangerous because it appeals to the best instincts of our

interrogation of Healey, for example, there was the implicit starting point that use of a private hospital results in the diversion of medical resources away from the National Health Service. This puzzles me.

All tax payers contribute to the cost of the NHS. Whatever one's feeling about private health care, surely if you have a system in which some of the people who are paying for the NHS don't use its facilities but pay for their own health care, then they are adding to the resources of the NHS, not depleting them?

The rich and well-known, it is argued, ought to use the NHS as both an act of faith and an incentive to keep its standards high, but this simply isn't the way human nature works. While exceptional patients may treat all doctors as patients, all doctors treat exceptional patients with special attention — whether they are in a private bed or not.

Experience shows that accomplished or influential people will always find ways to get the special services they demand, whether it be in exclusive hospitals for privileged state bureaucrats or black market medical services. As *The Times's* associate editor Frank Johnson has pointed out from his days posted to Germany, the DDR leads the world in geriatric services. Why? Because the East German Politburo is full of elderly men.

In a fine egalitarian gesture, the Tories set up something called the RAWP (Resource Allocation Working Party) to make sure that London didn't hog all the hospital beds and equipment and that the great divide in the Midlands and the North could have some spanking new bed pans as well. The screeching that went up from the London teaching hospitals when they had to part with a fraction of their resources put paid to any thoughts about the higher humanism of NHS doctors. But that's human nature, as well, isn't it?

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interested me because Jay is chief of staff to the *Mirror* publisher, Robert Maxwell. I don't blame Jay for getting any job he can — as indeed I might — but under the circumstances, it seemed a bit sick to be lecturing to the masses about what is civilized.

That aside, what intrigued me even more in the Diamond-Healey exchange was the example it gave of the absolute acceptance of certain left-wing assumptions in the health care debate. In the

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Caring for the child's choice

In the event of divorce, should children be allowed to choose with which parent they stay?

"This would ensure that his or her wishes are put forward professionally. Obviously this would cost money, since legal aid would probably be necessary, but a child should have a proper hearing in his own right," Hodgekin says.

This sounds very laudable, but do children really know what they want? And at what age do they know their own minds? Penny's mother thinks children are capable of forming their own views from as young as eight: "We grossly underestimate their minds. If Penny had been allowed to talk to the judge in the first place or had had her own solicitor, we might never have gone through all this heartache."

Certain judges seem to agree. Recently a seven-year-old, Audrey Sinclair from Falkirk, persuaded the court to divide custody between her mother and father because she loved them equally. She now spends half a week with each parent, keeping wardrobes and bedrooms in two houses.

Audrey was unusual in that she was seen by the judge. Other professionals, however, are worried about the centre's campaign to make such personal appearances routine. "The stress imposed on a child could be very damaging," says Professor John Morton, a child psychologist. "A child

might think he knows his own mind but he might be pressurized by one parent — such as the one he lives with — to tell the court something different. He could also suffer from dreadful guilt after the case because he had been asked, in effect, to reject one parent in preference to the other.

The Law Society has similar reservations. "A child could be very frightened of a court atmosphere, which makes many adults feel uneasy," says a spokeswoman for its family law committee. "But it does seem a good idea to give children their own solicitor, providing the minors don't have to make a personal appearance."

It is a remedy which has been followed for some years in Canada, New Zealand and Australia, where children are entitled to separate legal representation. But even this has its snags, according to Morton.

"A child may know his own mind but he can't always express it clearly. An adult might say: 'Look, on the one hand I want this... but on the other hand, I want that.' A child isn't that sophisticated. One answer might be to discover the child's views through special techniques using drawing and role play, rather like those already used to help children who've been molested."

The Law Commission is currently examining the whole issue of child custody, and so far has not responded formally to the centre's proposals, although it is expected to change the custody procedure within the next year or so.

Meanwhile, the centre is continuing to receive frantic telephone calls from children as young as eight who want to know why they must stay with mum when they want to go to dad or vice versa. "It shows that children do know what they want," says Hodgekin. "And even if they don't know what's best for them, the judge doesn't have to do what they ask. We're simply requesting that they should be heard along with their parents."

Jane Bidder

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Penny Andrews was 11 years old when she first ran away from home in protest at a judge's decision to award custody of herself and her sister to her father. "I had told the social worker that I wanted to live with my mother but she ignored me and recommended that I should go to dad. It was silly really, because he was rarely at home when my parents were married so I hardly knew him. But I think the judge was put off by my mum because she has multiple sclerosis," Penny says.

That was six years ago. After spending a week on the run, Penny (not her real name) was found and returned to her paternal home, only to run away again when she was 13. This time she "roamed the country" for five months before contacting the Children's Legal Centre for help. The centre found her a solicitor who took the case back to the courts. The judge awarded custody of Penny to her mother but ruled that the sister should stay with her father.

If the centre has its way, children like Penny will no longer have to vote with their feet when it comes to the thorny question of custody in divorce cases. In April the centre asked the Law Commission to give children a greater say in their futures.

"We want children to be able to appear before the judge if they wish, to express their views," explains Rachel Hodgekin, who works at the centre. "We also want each child to have a specially-trained social worker or psychologist to act as a guardian *ad litem* [appointed for a lawsuit] and give an in-depth assessment on which parent would be better for the child. At present, the court merely has a social worker's report which doesn't always cover every aspect of the case. Ironically, the courts already have the power to appoint such guardians, but they are usually only used in care cases."

The centre believes that if the child's wishes conflict with those of the guardian, the child should be entitled to separate legal representation.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

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THEATRE LONDON

AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Tom Baker and Pauline Jameson in Priestley's evocative about guilts among the gentry.
Theatre Royal, Palace Street, SW1 (01-834 0283). Tube: Victoria. Tues-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, Mats Wed & Thurs 2.30-5pm, Sat 5-7.30pm, £5-11.50.

HAMLET: Ingmar Bergman's production from the Royal Dramatic Theatre of Stockholm, for five performances only. Performed in Swedish.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (01-834 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Wed-Sat and Mon June 15-6.45-10.30pm. £8-21.5.

JENKINS EAR: Now Dusty Hughes play sends a journalist into the chaos of Central America where duty comes into conflict with emotion.
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 1748). Tube: Sloane. Tues-Fri 8pm, Mon 8pm, Sat 4pm, £4-6. Until July 6.

MY SISTER IN THIS HOUSE: Nancy Meckler directs Wendy Kassaman's play about the real-life crime that inspired Genet's The Maids.
Hampstead Theatre Club, Avenue Road, London NW3 (01-722 8301). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Mon-Sat 8pm, Mat Sat 4.30pm, Mon-Sat and matinee £2, Sat eve £7.

RELEVO: David Spencer's award-winning drama about marriage good, bad and marvellous.
Soho Poly Theatre, 16 Riding School Lane, London W1 (01-636 9050). Tube: Oxford Circus. Mon-Sat 8pm, Mon 8pm, Tues-Sat 8pm, £4-50. Membership £1.

RICHARD B: Jeremy Irons and Michael Kitchen play the warring cousins in Barry Kyle's strongly cast Stratford production.
Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-528 8766). Tube: Barbican. Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8pm, Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri and Sat 8.15pm, £5-21.50.

SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR: Pirandello's most famous play reworked in a modern, metaphysical and theatrical style.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (01-834 2252). Tube: Waterloo. London. Mon-Fri 7.15-10.30pm, Sat 8.15-11.15pm, £4-11.50.

THE TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN: Tony Laffy's witty comedy about a prisoner on parole in a once famous Victorian social drama.
Theatre Royal, Gilly Street, London E1 (01-252 0310). Tube: Stratford. Mon-Sat 8.15-10.45pm, £2-25.

WOMAN IN MIND: Poignant Ayckbourn drama with Pauline Collins as a wife at her wit's end.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-536 9887, cc 01-240 7230). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 9-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, Mat Wed 2.30-4.45pm, Sat 5-7.15pm, £2-12.50.

LONG RUNNERS: The Business Of Murder: Myfair Theatre (01-629 3532), cc 01-240 7230. Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4078). cc 01-240 7230.
Cheese Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951), cc 42nd Street.
Drury Lane Theatre (01-538 8189). cc 01-240 7230.
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Las Misericordias: Palace Theatre (01-434 0909), cc 01-240 7230.
Theatre (01-538 1443), cc 01-240 7230.
No Sex: Theatre (01-836 8243), cc 01-240 7230.
Phantom Of The Opera: Her Majesty's Theatre (01-834 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Wed-Sat and Mon June 15-6.45-10.30pm. £8-21.5.

OUT OF TOWN

CANTERBURY: Knuckle David Hart's fast-moving private-eye thriller, with Brian Capron, Joanna Hole and Ernest Clark.
Markside Theatre, The Friers, Watlington, Oxon (0227 57246). Tues-Thurs 7.30pm, £4-25.50, Mon two for the price of one, Fri 8pm, Mat Sat 2.30.

LEICESTER: The Mask Of Monty (see caption).
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate, Leicester (0533 539797). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £5.50-27.50, Mat Sat 4pm, £3.50.

MOLD: For Queen And Country: New play with music tells how the Duke of Marlborough's distant nephew was a local hero.
Mold (0562 55114). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8pm, Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri and Sat 8.15pm, £5-27.

RICHMOND: Siegfried Sassoon: Peter Barker's moving, award-winning play, using the poet's own words.
Richmond Theatre, Richmond Green (01-840 0888). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8.15pm, Mat Sat 5pm, Mon-Thurs 8.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.50-28.50.

STRATFORD: The Merchant Of Venice: Bill Alexander's new production with Anthony Sher as Shylock and Deborah Findlay as Portia.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 51130). Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, £5-11.50.

STRATFORD: Titus Andronicus: aka People Pie, Shakespeare's bloodiest play; Elizabethan audiences loved it. With Brian Cox in the title role.
Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 256263). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Mat Thurs and Sat 1.30pm, £7.50-21.50.

FILMS

Also on national release
Advance booking possible

BLUE VELVET (18): David Lynch's surreal tale about the placid surface of an American small town being violently ripped apart. With Jessica Rossellini and Dennis Hopper (120 min).
Cannon Plaza (01-485 2443). £2.45, 4.45, 6.10, 8.40, 10.40.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 8.15.

CROCODILE DUNDEE (15): Paul Hogan as a crocodile hunter, with a rich and varied cast.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 8.15.

LUMIERE (01-379 3014, cc 01-379 3014). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.05, 8.40, 10.45, 11.15.

THE VOYAGE HOME - STAR TRUCK (16): The comedy team star in another sick farce. Leonard Nimoy directs (119 min).
Empire Leicester Square (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7230). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.15.

THE WHISTLE BLOWER (PG): Timely British thriller set in the murky maze of Britain's security services. Based on John Hale's novel. Simon Langton directs with Michael Caine, Nigel Havers and James Fox (104 min).
Odeon Haymarket (01-930 2738). Progs 2.30, 5.45, 8.30, 11.15.

THREE AMIGOS (PG): Western parody with comedy one-liners. Steve Martin, Chevy Chase and Martin Short star as singing cowboys from the movies head to save a Mexican town from bandits.
Lords London (01-240 7230). Progs 2.50, 4.25, 6.00, 7.40, 9.25, 11.15.

THE GUILDHALL STRINGS: Mozart's Divertimento K 137, Tchaikovsky's Souvenir de Florence and Burrell's Concerto are performed by the Guildhall String Ensemble.
Guildhall Concert Hall, 123 Leeson Rd, London W1 (01-855 5900). 7.30pm, £2 and £4.

LA BOHEME: In addition to the 750 Patron tickets available at £2 each today, 4,000 Covent Garden Plaza promoters will be able to watch La Boheme on a huge open air screen in front of the Floral Hall.
Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). 7.30-10.30pm, £2-242.

COZI FAN TUTTE: First night of the thoughtful and handsome Pinar Hall production, now conducted by Lothar Zagroski.
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National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (01-834 2252). Tube: Waterloo. London. Mon-Fri 7.15-10.30pm, Sat 8.15-11.15pm, £4-11.50.

THE TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN: Tony Laffy's witty comedy about a prisoner on parole in a once famous Victorian social drama.
Theatre Royal, Gilly Street, London E1 (01-252 0310). Tube: Stratford. Mon-Sat 8.15-10.45pm, £2-25.

WOMAN IN MIND: Poignant Ayckbourn drama with Pauline Collins as a wife at her wit's end.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-536 9887, cc 01-240 7230). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 9-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, Mat Wed 2.30-4.45pm, Sat 5-7.15pm, £2-12.50.

LONG RUNNERS: The Business Of Murder: Myfair Theatre (01-629 3532), cc 01-240 7230. Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4078). cc 01-240 7230.
Cheese Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951), cc 42nd Street.
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No Sex: Theatre (01-836 8243), cc 01-240 7230.
Phantom Of The Opera: Her Majesty's Theatre (01-834 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Wed-Sat and Mon June 15-6.45-10.30pm. £8-21.5.

OUT OF TOWN

CANTERBURY: Knuckle David Hart's fast-moving private-eye thriller, with Brian Capron, Joanna Hole and Ernest Clark.
Markside Theatre, The Friers, Watlington, Oxon (0227 57246). Tues-Thurs 7.30pm, £4-25.50, Mon two for the price of one, Fri 8pm, Mat Sat 2.30.

LEICESTER: The Mask Of Monty (see caption).
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate, Leicester (0533 539797). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £5.50-27.50, Mat Sat 4pm, £3.50.

MOLD: For Queen And Country: New play with music tells how the Duke of Marlborough's distant nephew was a local hero.
Mold (0562 55114). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8pm, Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri and Sat 8.15pm, £5-27.

RICHMOND: Siegfried Sassoon: Peter Barker's moving, award-winning play, using the poet's own words.
Richmond Theatre, Richmond Green (01-840 0888). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8.15pm, Mat Sat 5pm, Mon-Thurs 8.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.50-28.50.

STRATFORD: The Merchant Of Venice: Bill Alexander's new production with Anthony Sher as Shylock and Deborah Findlay as Portia.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 51130). Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, £5-11.50.

STRATFORD: Titus Andronicus: aka People Pie, Shakespeare's bloodiest play; Elizabethan audiences loved it. With Brian Cox in the title role.
Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 256263). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Mat Thurs and Sat 1.30pm, £7.50-21.50.

FILMS

Also on national release
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BLUE VELVET (18): David Lynch's surreal tale about the placid surface of an American small town being violently ripped apart. With Jessica Rossellini and Dennis Hopper (120 min).
Cannon Plaza (01-485 2443). £2.45, 4.45, 6.10, 8.40, 10.40.
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CROCODILE DUNDEE (15): Paul Hogan as a crocodile hunter, with a rich and varied cast.
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LUMIERE (01-379 3014, cc 01-379 3014). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.05, 8.40, 10.45, 11.15.

THE VOYAGE HOME - STAR TRUCK (16): The comedy team star in another sick farce. Leonard Nimoy directs (119 min).
Empire Leicester Square (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7230). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.15.

THE WHISTLE BLOWER (PG): Timely British thriller set in the murky maze of Britain's security services. Based on John Hale's novel. Simon Langton directs with Michael Caine, Nigel Havers and James Fox (104 min).
Odeon Haymarket (01-930 2738). Progs 2.30, 5.45, 8.30, 11.15.

THREE AMIGOS (PG): Western parody with comedy one-liners. Steve Martin, Chevy Chase and Martin Short star as singing cowboys from the movies head to save a Mexican town from bandits.
Lords London (01-240 7230). Progs 2.50, 4.25, 6.00, 7.40, 9.25, 11.15.

THE GUILDHALL STRINGS: Mozart's Divertimento K 137, Tchaikovsky's Souvenir de Florence and Burrell's Concerto are performed by the Guildhall String Ensemble.
Guildhall Concert Hall, 123 Leeson Rd, London W1 (01-855 5900). 7.30pm, £2 and £4.

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Nato agrees to back US plan on Euro missiles

From Richard Owen, Reykjavik

After weeks of internal heart-searching, Nato Foreign Ministers yesterday agreed to go along with President Reagan's desire for a deal on Euro missiles with the Soviet Union.

The decision, which comes eight months after the abortive Reykjavik super-power summit that came so close to radical arms control measures, clears away almost all remaining objections and doubts.

Before flying home yesterday evening for the election result, the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, said there were no foregone conclusions in arms control but that an INF agreement was now "within grasp".

However, Nato had to rise to the Gorbachov challenge and must not allow the Soviet leader to dominate the arms control agenda. Nato had to move much more quickly on conventional arms talks, he added.

The agreed conditions for a "double zero" INF deal on intermediate range missiles - some of which are still being finalized - will be spelled out today.

But Sir Geoffrey and Lord Carrington, the Nato Secretary General, warned the West to maintain vigilance despite hopeful signs of reform in Russia and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's "honest" image with the Western public. Both men stressed the need not only to reduce the Warsaw Pact's conventional advantages, but also to keep up Nato's nuclear deterrence in Europe even when the Euro missiles have been removed.

Sir Geoffrey warned other Nato foreign ministers not to allow Mr Gorbachov to use "salmi tactics" to slice away at the West's nuclear capability by removing various layers of land-based nuclear missiles.

Officials said this appeared to mean that whatever air and

sea-launched nuclear systems are deployed to compensate for the removal of land-based Cruise and Pershing 2 missiles, battlefield weapons with a range below 300 miles would stay for the foreseeable future.

West Germany, which agreed to the double zero only last week out of fears that an INF deal would leave it uniquely vulnerable to Soviet tactical weapons, wants follow-on talks on battlefield missiles.

Sir Geoffrey stressed, however, that there were other disarmament priorities to which Nato had to give careful consideration in the aftermath of a Euro missile deal. These included redressing the East-West imbalance in conventional and chemical weapons, and a 50 per cent cut in strategic forces. The Nato commitment to follow-on talks is therefore likely to be a distant one but Sir Geoffrey said the West must "put some steam" into talks on reducing conventional arms.

The Nato ministers will today discuss the type of forum for future East-West talks on conventional arms. France wants the 35-nation framework of the European security process. The United States, in large measure supported by Britain and West Germany, wants direct Nato-Warsaw Pact talks.

Lord Carrington said Nato had to combine realism about Russia and alertness to its continuing expansion and armed might with open-mindedness about constructive Soviet offers.

"The Soviet military threat has not diminished even if the Soviet voice has become softer and more peaceful," the Nato Secretary General added.

Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, joined the British, West German and French Foreign Ministers in deploring East German "police brutality" in breaking up demonstrations.

53 killed in Afghan air crash blamed on rebels

Islamabad (Reuters) - Afghan rebels shot down a passenger plane in southern Afghanistan yesterday killing 53 people, the official Kabul Radio reported.

The radio blamed the attack on "criminals belonging to opposition extremist groups", a description the Soviet-backed Afghan Government uses for Muslim guerrillas who have been fighting it for the past eight years.

The radio also said that "it is not for the first time that such a plane has been hit, since the United States started providing Stingers to the guerrilla gangs".

First Lady's Venice farewell



Mrs Nancy Reagan waving to reporters in Venice yesterday as she took a short ride in a gondola accompanied by a security man, one of several sightseeing trips she made in the city.

Picking up the summit pieces

From Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent, Venice

Venice began picking up the pieces yesterday after the departure of President Reagan, who was last to leave the seven-nation summit.

Conservation officials blamed vibration caused by helicopters used in security surveillance. Aircraft are normally banned from overflying Venice. Signor Estro Via, the superintendent of St Mark's principal monuments, said that helicopters had rattled windows and may have caused cracks in mosaics.

The Ducal Palace was closed to visitors for the fourth day yesterday because Mrs Nancy Reagan was being taken sightseeing nearby.

Some of the most popular tourist areas were sealed off by hundreds of carabinieri as she took a gondola ride.

It can hardly have been a romantic trip for Mrs Reagan, who was visiting Venice for the first time since she was a teenager. It lasted only a few minutes and a bodyguard travelled with her.

Not far away, other gondolas remained tied up for the fourth day running because of security precautions, which have closed many of Venice's waterways.

Disgruntled gondoliers complained that their demands for compensation have not been dealt with fast enough.

No prosecutions Reagan optimistic

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Sign posts and notices relating to emergency "muster" stations should be improved. And there should be detailed guidelines setting out the minimum information which should be given to passengers regarding emergency and safety procedures.

It was argued by Mr David Steel, QC, for the Secretary of State for Transport, that the Herald had probably been overloaded when she sailed and that this may have saved many lives.

If the Herald had not been overloaded the capsizing would probably not have occurred onto a sandbank, where the water was shallow, but would have occurred further out to sea, in deep water, in which case she would have turned completely over with the probable loss of all lives, Mr Steel said.

Mr Michael Napier, a solicitor representing many of the survivors and families of those who died, said that the decision not to prosecute was one for the department to take.

marks, compared with 1.7965 two hours earlier. It also slipped to 142.55 Japanese yen from 142.75.

The President sounded tired and subdued after the seven-nation Venice economic summit, which many American newspapers have interpreted as a failure for US interests.

He suffered a mental block when attempting to refer to the United Nations Security Council, calling it a committee. But he did appear well briefed on economic matters and produced a string of statistics.

He said he was pleased with support the Allies had shown during the summit for a united position on keeping the Gulf open to shipping.

He pointed out that Britain had committed 18 per cent of the Royal Navy to escorting British vessels in the Gulf. Other American officials said that Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, revealed this during a meeting with Mr George Shultz, the US Sec-

retary of State. The 18 per cent figure embraces three frigates, three other ships tied up by a rotation arrangement, and a refuelling tanker.

On the Iran-Contra arms scandal, the President repudiated testimony given during congressional hearings into the affair by two key witnesses, General Richard Secord and Mr Albert Hakim, that they were under the impression that Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, who planned the arms-for-hostages deal, acted on his authority.

"I told you all the truth that first day after everything hit the fan," the President said.

"Maybe some people were giving the impression that they were acting on orders from me. Well, I wasn't giving those orders, because no one had asked me or had told me what was truly happening there."

ROME: Police said a bomb which exploded outside a warehouse containing electronic components in Rome early yesterday caused damage but no injuries.

Campaign sketch

'Maggie' born in the nick of time

Though all the morning newspapers had said that it was on course for victory, the Tory party finally lost its way just before noon yesterday.

Until then, it had been a smooth campaign. The press had been loaded on to coaches to travel thousands of miles to watch quiz show competitors and card-carrying school children beam their good wishes at the Prime Minister. Then they had been loaded back on, ready to spread the good news on their return.

Polling day is traditionally a poor time for journalists. The few who stayed with her during the day admitted that they were tagging on in case anything particularly gory happened: a surprise visit from Mr Nicholas Fairbrother, maybe. Or perhaps a baby-kissing marathon by Mr Norman Tebbit. Nevertheless, Central Office had laid on a coach to a Conservative base in Finchley where Mrs Thatcher would be performing her final photo opportunity.

On the coach, there were few questions left to ask. By now, we all knew that only very sick people would complain about the NHS, and that nuclear weapons provided the only possible barrier to a full scale nuclear war.

The Tory aides in the coach sat comfortably, knowing that the time for questions was over.

But journalists are an industrious lot, and one of them suddenly remembered Mark Thatcher, whose St Valentine's day wedding had brought the streets of London to a standstill as the British public showered him with their love and respect. Was Mark voting in the Election? asked the journalist, as the bus whizzed northwards.

The aides, Bill and Tony, didn't know. Was he registered at No 10, by any chance? Bill and Tony didn't know. Did he have a postal vote? Bill and Tony didn't know. Was he in the country? "I haven't asked, I haven't enquired, and I haven't been told", Tony said, as if someone had asked him whether Mr Edward Heath was still a candidate in the election. Silence followed.

As the coach passed Swiss Cottage, the journalists began to talk of how they would have organized the campaign rather better. There was general agreement that the photo opportunities had lacked punch.

Mrs Thatcher, said one should have been photographed talking to cheering doctors and nurses at a brand new NHS hospital. "They could always have pulled it down after she had left", he added. Someone else suggested that perhaps sufficiently enthusiastic doctors were nowhere to be found, a criticism corrected by the idea that comedian Ted Rogers might have been dressed in white and draped in a stethoscope.

Posters proclaiming "Margaret Thatcher for Finchley" began lining the roads. But where was our destination, St James Avenue? Bill and Tony didn't know. Did anyone have an A-Z on them? No, a passer-by was asked, but had never heard of it. The coach stopped outside a house with a blue door, but the owner had no idea where St James Avenue was. A policeman on a motorbike was flagged down. He didn't know, he was lost too. Eventually, a cabbie suggested we turn around. "OK, let's get cracking", Bill said. The press arrived about 30 seconds after the Prime Minister had left.

The coach pushed on to Mrs Thatcher's next destination. It was now one and a half hours since we had left Smith Square, and we still hadn't seen the Prime Minister. On arrival, we waited another half-hour. Camera-men began to take shots of one another. Journalists started taking notes on the go (bearded, carrying a watercan) that occupied the next door garden. Eventually, the Prime Minister emerged, stepped out of her Daimler, signed autographs, joked with cameramen, and went indoors to eat lunch.

As the rain poured down, Mrs Thatcher's constant agent emerged from the house with an exciting news story for the dripping journalists. Mrs Thatcher had called on a house earlier in the morning, to find that a woman was experiencing contractions. She had advised that the pregnant woman be rushed to hospital. The baby had now been born at 7.15.20z, and was to be called, yes, Margaret. Sometimes it seems that Central Office have a training centre for general pensioners and mothers-to-be. The baby was, after all, the day's first defector from labour; the Tories were back on course.

Craig Brown

New Concorde plans

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sonic air travel were too great and that Concorde would be scrapped, never to be replaced.

But over the last three years there has been a remarkable change in the public perception of Concorde. From being regarded as a costly and noisy white elephant it has become the flagship of British Airways.

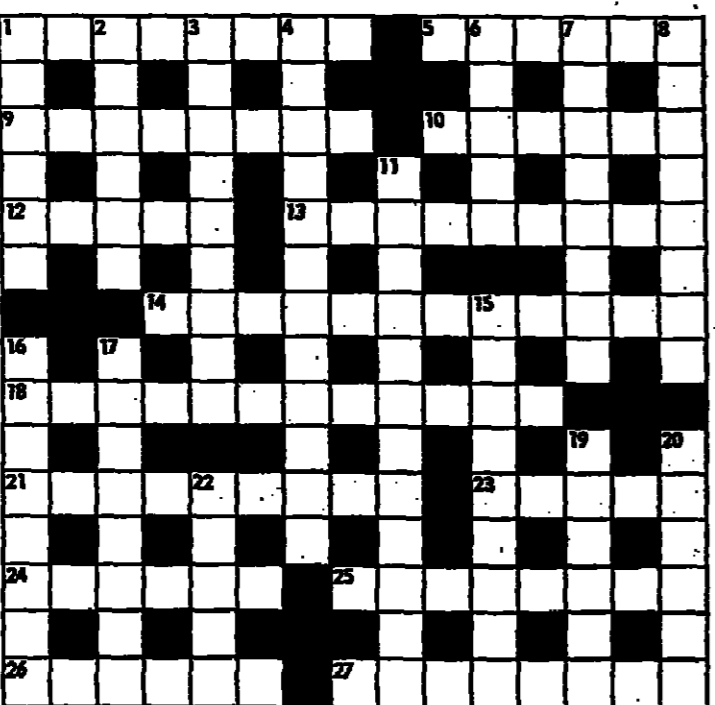
Now airlines are showing an interest in the research. Even

Sir Frank Whittle, father of the jet engine, is talking to the aerospace companies about the project and has come up with his own typically innovative ideas, including a double-winged "biplane" design for the Concorde of the future.

The engine would be a different size and shape to that in the present Concorde.

Virtually every aircraft manufacturer is working on some basic designs for a supersonic civilian aircraft.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,381



- ACROSS**
- Mistake about currency causes flap (8).
 - Frightful woman to return soldier to ship (6).
 - Time to prepare for some horsey exercise (8).
 - Salutes shakily, having lost a battle (6).
 - A recurrent puzzle for a Greek author (5).
 - Light up one red tiara perhaps (9).
 - Composer's detailed part for study (12).
 - One thousand each in French notes, but it won't last (12).
 - They make perfect jobs for professionals (9).
 - City's winning, I hear (5).
 - A senior officer has to get Russian agreement to the programme (6).
 - Case given essential backing in Lincoln (8).
 - Part of the Codex Tolstoy praesides (6).
 - A period in debt, then turned to something different (8).
- DOWN**
- Plot to strike in the madhouse (6).
 - Opposed to article on poetry (6).
 - Go into hiding when girl's father comes up with fruit (9).
 - Meaning to append one's name if one can join the church (12).
 - Bottle fruit (5).
 - Delighted with extremely economic stationery, say (8).
 - The lady's been inside these drinking divest (8).
 - No going back to cook liver with berries (12).
 - This accessory is right in any lilac variation (9).
 - Remove Orcus on the spot! (8).
 - It's obvious father rises above mother (8).
 - Very alien mistake, but pardonable (6).
 - After such crude beginnings aim to rise (6).
 - A sort of wave, with ins and outs (5).

WEATHER

The rather cloudy, cool and showery north westerly airstream will persist. The whole country will have showers or longer outbreaks of rain. The best of any sunshine will be in Scotland and Northern Ireland and in the extreme south and south west of England. The heaviest and most frequent showers are likely to be in central England and Wales, possibly with thunder. Rather cool everywhere. Outlook for the weekend: A slight and gradual improvement is expected over the weekend. It will be a little warmer.

ABROAD

City	Temp	Wind	Cloud
Algeria	25/17	S	24/78
Amman	22/14	S	21/70
Alexandria	25/17	S	21/70
Algiers	25/17	S	21/70
Antwerp	15/10	S	21/70
Athens	20/13	S	21/70
Bombay	30/23	S	21/70
Buenos Aires	22/14	S	21/70
Calcutta	28/21	S	21/70
Cairo	25/17	S	21/70
Canton	28/21	S	21/70
Cebu	28/21	S	21/70
Colon	28/21	S	21/70
Hankow	28/21	S	21/70
Hong Kong	28/21	S	21/70
Kobe	28/21	S	21/70
London	15/10	S	21/70
Lyons	15/10	S	21/70
Manila	28/21	S	21/70
Medan	28/21	S	21/70
Osaka	28/21	S	21/70
Paris	15/10	S	21/70
Rangoon	28/21	S	21/70
Seoul	28/21	S	21/70
Singapore	28/21	S	21/70
Tokyo	28/21	S	21/70
Yokohama	28/21	S	21/70

AROUND BRITAIN

City	Temp	Wind	Cloud
Cardiff	15/10	S	21/70
Edinburgh	15/10	S	21/70
London	15/10	S	21/70
Manchester	15/10	S	21/70
Newcastle	15/10	S	21/70
Nottingham	15/10	S	21/70
Sheffield	15/10	S	21/70
Southampton	15/10	S	21/70
Stirling	15/10	S	21/70
Wolverhampton	15/10	S	21/70

HIGH TIDES

Location	AM	PM
London Bridge	2.31	3.01
Aberdeen	2.10	2.40
Belfast	1.54	2.24
Cardiff	1.48	2.18
Dover	1.42	2.12
Edinburgh	1.36	2.06
London	1.30	2.00
Manchester	1.24	1.54
Newcastle	1.18	1.48
Nottingham	1.12	1.42
Sheffield	1.06	1.36
Southampton	1.00	1.30
Stirling	0.94	1.24
Wolverhampton	0.88	1.18

THE POUND

Bank	Rate
Australia	2.10
Canada	1.50
France	6.55
Germany	2.31
Italy	1.93
Japan	142.55
Netherlands	2.20
Spain	165.00
Switzerland	2.25
USA	1.77

NOON TODAY

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London	15/10	S	21/70
Manchester	15/10	S	21/70
Newcastle	15/10	S	21/70
Nottingham	15/10	S	21/70
Sheffield	15/10	S	21/70
Southampton	15/10	S	21/70
Stirling	15/10	S	21/70
Wolverhampton	15/10	S	21/70

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FT 30 Share 1740.8 (-11.4) FT-SE 100 2249.3 (-6.8)

Bargains 46011 (52856)

USM (Datastream) 184.42 (+2.56)

THE POUND

US dollar 1.6630 (+0.0055) W German mark 2.9784 (+0.0015)

Trade-weighted 73.4 (+0.2)

Bid terms changed by Apricot

Apricot Computers has made its £14.7 million offer for the Wordplex computer software group conditional on acceptance from 50 per cent of the shares...

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, Apricot's adviser, said the change was to remove any concern that it might walk away from the bid...

ISC ahead

International Signal & Control Group reports pretax profits of \$56.6 million (£34 million) for the year ended March against \$46.5 million and a turnover up from \$444.3 million to \$590.6 million...

12,000 tied up

Tie Rack will initially have 12,000 shareholders when dealings open on Tuesday after a savage scaling down of the biggest applications and ballot for the rest of the 315,000 applications...

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Million dollar chairman delivers in first year of office

£350m profit for Beecham

By Carol Ferguson

Mr Robert Bauman, Beecham Group's \$1 million-a-year chairman appointed last year, increased profits in his first year of tenure by 15.3 per cent to £350 million...

Mr Bauman attributed the group's performance to strong organic growth in all divisions and geographical areas...

The final dividend was increased by 14.5 per cent to 7.9p net to give a total dividend for the year of 13p, up 8.3 per cent...

A good proportion of last year's profits growth came from sales of the antibiotic Augmentin in the US...

turing and energy costs, offset by launch costs in Europe. Applications for approval of the new heart drug, Eminase, have been speeded up...

The drug, which costs \$900 (£540) a shot, acts by dissolving blood clots in acute heart attack patients...

Beecham also has an anti-obesity drug which is at a late stage of development. It works by increasing the metabolic rate...

Since the group announced its strategy of concentrating on the development of its health and personal care businesses...

The disposal of one further business, DAP Inc, a US home improvement products business, has run into environmental problems...

During the year to March 31, the number of staff at Beecham's products division shrank from 16,100 to 11,500 as a result of disposals and increased efficiency...

The number of factories, offices and depots has also been reduced and by 1988 will be down to 59, compared with 170 in 1986.



Robert Bauman: performance improved in all key areas

Reagan gaffe leaves dollar vulnerable

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The dollar traded nervously lower yesterday after President Reagan said there could be a reduction in its value against other currencies "within reason"...

The President's remarks, made during a post-summit press conference in Venice, came the day after the seven leading industrial countries had committed themselves to stable exchange rates...

And it left the dollar vulnerable ahead of today's key US April trade figures, which are expected to show a deficit of between \$11.5 billion (£6.8 billion) and \$15 billion...

Mr Reagan said: "Most of us believe that the dollar should remain stable, but he added that 'within reason there could be some lowering of the dollar to other currencies'..."

Mr Martin Fitzwater, the White House press spokesman, issued a statement shortly after the press conference, when the markets reacted to what is regarded as an embarrassing gaffe by the President...

It said: "The President's position is that he wants stability for the dollar."

Even so, coming after a summit in which no specific new macro-economic actions were taken to bolster the dollar, the comments added to market doubts about the US currency...

Although analysts believe that Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, is now against a dollar fall, there are doubts about whether this view extends through the whole Administration...

The dollar fell to DM1.7910 from DM1.7960, and lost ground against sterling. The pound gained 55 points to \$1.6630 as dealers awaited the general election results...

"The foreign exchange markets are likely to link today's trade figures with President Reagan's remarks and their view of the summit," said Mr David Morrison, international economist at Goldman Sachs...

"Initially at least, a poor set of figures will put downward pressure on the dollar."

His expectation is for a trade deficit of \$15 billion for April, boosted by an increase in electrical goods imported from Japan ahead of Washington's imposition of trade sanctions, and a rise in car imports at the start of the new quarter...

A deficit much above the average market expectation of \$13.5 billion would almost certainly hit the dollar. The deficit was \$13.6 billion in March, a narrowing from the \$15.1 billion in February...

Japan's trade figures showed a record surplus with the US in April, cut sharply in May. Any signs of a sharp dollar fall, coming so soon after the reaffirmation in the Venice summit communiqué of exchange rate stability would be met by sizeable central bank intervention...

The Venice summit has been widely received as containing little to provide short-term support for the dollar.

And the admission in the summit declaration that the US trade deficit and the West German and Japanese trade surpluses will be slow to correct, squared with the view of many market operators that the dollar may have to fall further.

Westland resumes dividends

By Colin Campbell

Westland, the helicopter and aerospace group, over which two Cabinet ministers resigned and whose financial future was in serious doubt 15 months ago, has resumed interim dividend payments on the back of pretax profits for the six months to March 31 up from £7.8 million to £8.8 million...

Results would have been stronger but for an exceptional £16 million provision which Sir John Cuckney, chairman, said was "absolutely essential to the long-term survival of the helicopter company"...

Sir John said recent restructuring had been essential for the group's future and the £16 million included the cost of specific measures "to counsel and assist those involved"...

The interim dividend declared is 1.25p a share. The shares eased 6p to 129p. Westland, in which Sikorsky, through its parent company United Technologies Corporation, and Fiat between them hold 16 per cent, said the new international partners had brought the group added financial strength and the prospect of long-term commercial and trading developments...

UTC will place 2 million man-hours with the Westland group, and agreement between the companies has been reached for further work worth a potential 500,000 man-hours, Sir John said.

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Sir John Cuckney: £16m provision 'essential'

Bae again warns on share limit

By Joe Joseph

British Aerospace again warned overseas investors yesterday to think twice before raising their stake in the company, as they are on the brink of breaching the 15 per cent ceiling on foreign-held shares...

Some 14.65 per cent of Bae, one of the first companies returned to the private sector under Mrs Thatcher's privatization programme, is in foreign hands, and the company is chafing under the strain of having to keep overseas investors within the boundary market-out at the time of flotation in 1981...

Bae clearly finds the 15 per cent straightjacket uncomfortable. Its company secretary, Mr Brian Cookson, said: "One understands why it was done, but the practicalities of life are that it is proving an unfortunate restriction."

"There is no doubt that the 15 per cent limit is proving to be an inhibition on dealings in our shares. There is a lot of money out there and the fact that it cannot be put into Bae is constraining our share price."

Japan's trade surplus falls sharply to \$6.4bn

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Japan's visible trade surplus fell sharply to \$6.42 billion in May, compared with \$7.57 billion in April and \$7.53 billion in May 1986, the first time the year-on-year surplus has dropped for more than two years...

For most of the past year, the volume of exports has been falling in the wake of the sharp rise of the yen, and imports have been slowly rising, but until now this trend in yen terms has been overwhelmed by the fall in the dollar against the yen...

Last month's drop appears to have been caused chiefly by the recovery in oil prices, which added to Japan's import bill. The crucial surplus on trade with the US fell back from the record April figure of \$5.15 billion to \$4.43 billion, but it remained higher than a year ago when imports were swelled by gold purchases...

Japan's surplus with the EEC fell from \$1.82 billion in April to \$1.53 billion in May. Reports in Japan yesterday suggested, however, that the global surplus will take a long time to come down significantly. The Nomura Research Institute forecasts that Japan's overall trade surplus will rise slightly to \$91 billion in 1987...

The Bank of Japan, in its annual report, asserts that the short-run effect of past exchange rate changes on the surplus will eventually wane. Sir Kenneth noted the LME's systems and arrangements had always been markedly different from anywhere else. Its ring call system, although not as good as continuous transparent prices, would, however, be recognized...

Sidlaw interims slide on lower oil prices

By Our City Staff

Pressure from falling oil prices, which stifled profits at Sidlaw Group last year, grew even more intense during the winter - with the result that interim pretax profits at the Dundee-based company slid to £744,000 from £2.25 million...

A strong performance from Sidlaw's textiles division helped to soften the impact of the downturn in oil services, where operating profits fell to £444,000 from £1.86 million. The company says that while it is encouraged by the present apparent stability of oil prices, the prospects of a sustained upturn in its oil services division look modest...

Overall turnover was £27.52 million, down from £28.54 million in the first half of last year, and the company is paying a half-time dividend of 2p compared with last year's interim of 2.75p.

Problems at LME worry SIB

By Our City Staff

Sir Kenneth Berrill, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, yesterday drew attention to problems concerning the London Metals Exchange's compliance with new rules on City regulation...

He told an international futures and options conference that these markets had been subject to few detailed controls and requirements. This had led to markets developing different practices although the Bank of England had played a supervisory role...

The new regulatory framework was intended to promote common standards across all investment markets. Sir Kenneth noted the LME's systems and arrangements had always been markedly different from anywhere else. Its ring call system, although not as good as continuous transparent prices, would, however, be recognized...

A compromise system had been agreed on price transparency under which market-makers would provide continuous prices for the main contracts and prompt dates. There were again problems on the LME's facility to check clients' queries through an audit trail system and the exchange would have to construct a daily curve of price changes in its various contracts, Sir Kenneth said.

BSC to beat £170m target

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

British Steel Corporation will announce 1986-87 profit figures next month well in excess of its £170 million target, proving that it fully prepared itself for privatization during the last government's term of office...

But latest production figures for private and public sector steel making in Britain show that the industry has been experiencing a boom in orders, particularly on export markets, and that BSC is set on a profitable path. In the first five months of the year, total British steel output was an average of 334,900 tonnes a week, more than 15 per cent higher than a year earlier...

The 1986-87 figure, to be announced by Mr Robert Scholey, the BSC chairman, early next month, will confirm that the £170 million target has been exceeded. But the corporation has already given a warning that it needs to be making at least £200 million every year to keep the industry modern and competitive. BSC acknowledges that it is making profits from its non-European export sales, which last year accounted for 22 per cent of its total deliveries. The domestic market took 64 per cent and mainland Europe 14 per cent...

Corporation chiefs have told employees that the level of profits is fragile.

US company's British arm points towards 24-hour service Night trading American style

By Peter Carlland, Family Money Editor

Trading at four o'clock in the morning is largely unknown in Britain, in America, it is different. Clients of Fidelity Investment Services, which ranks second in size to Merrill Lynch in the US mutual fund industry, can telephone the company at any time of the day or night, any day of the year, including Christmas, to make transactions. And they do just that, in breathtaking numbers...

Mr Allan Doe Jnr, Fidelity's vice president in charge of a free telephone operation, reckons that his 1,000-plus staff, split among offices in Boston, Dallas and Salt Lake City, cope with an average of 130,000 calls a day during three working shifts. On April 14 this year, the day before Americans traditionally settle up with the Internal Revenue Service, Fidelity claims to have taken a record 257,000 telephone calls in 24 hours...

Very few investors call in the early hours. But the facility is there for people who work unsocial hours or who just cannot sleep until they have resolved their futures shock. Remember also that when it is 2am in Boston it is still only 11pm in Los Angeles and that does not seem too unreasonable an hour to make your investment decisions. At Fidelity's Boston headquarters on Tuesday Bill from Vermont, Chuck from New York City and countless others like them phoned in to sell shares in a Fidelity mutual fund, put dollars into a money market account or just asked what was happening on the Tokyo market...

A tape recording is kept of all the calls that result in transactions and written confirmation of the deal usually goes out the same day. The system is not foolproof. One client's telephone instruction to "buy technology" was interpreted as a mandate to buy "bio-technology" but accidental mix-ups are said to be rare. Attempted fraud is not unknown either. Several people are currently enjoying the finest hospitality that US state penitentiaries can offer for trying illegally to part Fidelity from enormous sums of money. Legitimate selling instructions rou-

tinely result in a cheque being despatched to the client the same day. British unit trust managers, please note. Mr Doe Jnr aims to have all calls answered within six seconds, but prefers to regard three seconds as the benchmark. Could it happen here? In a limited way it has, apart from last night's trading. Since last September, Fidelity's British company has operated a 9am to 9pm telephone system, again on seven days a week.

Fidelity's British managing director, Mr Barry Bateman, cheerfully admits he stole the idea from his American parent. Mr Bateman claims his Tunbridge Wells-based service attracts up to 2,000 calls a day, with Monday being the peak day. Whether the British service is extended to 24 hours clearly depends on demand. But it probably depends as much on whether Mr Bateman can convince Fidelity's British financial intermediaries that he is not trading on too many toes in their relationship with investors.

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Consumer spending falls 0.6% in US

Washington (Reuters) - Retail sales in the United States fell 0.6 per cent in May, dragged down by slower purchases of cars, the Commerce Department reported yesterday.

Excluding cars, sales at the retail level rose 0.3 per cent last month. The overall decline came after a revised 0.2 per cent rise in April. The department previously reported April sales had risen 0.1 per cent.

The drop in sales at the retail level in May was within the range predicted by analysts, but the slowdown in consumer spending was none the less bad news for the economy at a time of uncertainty about its direction.

The department said retail sales fell \$757 million (£447.92 million) last month to a seasonally adjusted \$124.03 billion.

Car sales were \$26.93 billion in May, 3.8 per cent below April levels and down 1.1 per cent from May 1986.

Also showing declines in May were sales of durable goods, furniture and other home furnishings. Sales of building materials and non-durable goods increased.

Retail sales by general merchandise stores and petrol service stations each rose 0.8 per cent in May, while clothing sales were up 1.3 per cent. Sales at bars and restaurants rose 0.6 per cent.

A United Nations report on the global economy said yesterday expansion is not happening fast enough to end high unemployment in industrial nations or raise the standard of life in most of the Third World (Reuters reports).

The annual UN economic survey said growth is fragile and will not exceed 3.2 per cent this year with only a modest improvement in 1988.

It projected a 2.5 per cent growth for the industrialized countries as a group in 1987 and 3 per cent next year. Japan would reach these levels in both years. Western Europe would record a steadier, slower rate. The United States is expected to do a bit better, with growth rising to 3.4 per cent in 1988.

A rate of 2.7 per cent is seen for developing countries this year and 3.8 per cent in 1988.

A main weakness in the world economy continues to be the performance of world trade, estimated to grow in volume this year by only 3 per cent, compared with 5 per cent in the 1970s.

International price changes cost the developing countries \$94 billion last year, with the oil exporters taking the brunt with a 53 per cent loss.

Club Med will run WonderWorld park

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Club Mediterranée, the French international leisure group built up by M Gilbert Trigano, is to take over operational management of the ambitious WonderWorld theme park project.

It could at last signal an end to a protracted search for financial backing for the project, the first phase alone of which will cost nearly £200 million.

The eventual cost has been put at £400 million for what would be Britain's biggest Disney-style theme park with a mixture of science, story-book characters and other entertainments.

Mr Iain Quicke, one of the two former advertising executives who originated the project, said yesterday: "The last piece of the jigsaw is now in place." He and Mr Gerald Baptist first started work on the idea 15 years ago and at one time aimed to start construction in 1984. It is now due to open at Corby, Northamptonshire, in 1990.

Bank backing for £90 million of the first phase cost is assured now that a leisure industry operator with the stature of Club Med is involved, according to Mr Quicke.

Two European banks with strong French links are the key to the debt funding and the extent of their involvement is expected to be announced shortly, although Chase Investment Bank, part of Chase Manhattan, is still involved in securing through the overall investment plans. It is expected that early funding for another £90 million could be in place within weeks.

This should still allow site work to start this year under a construction management contract already agreed with Bouygues, France's biggest construction company, and Kier Construction, part of the Beazer Group.

A third of the equity cash is expected to come from Japan, as much again from the US and the rest from Europe, including some from London institutional sources. About £10 million of the European cash will come, in roughly



Ready to start: WonderWorld originators Iain Quicke, left, and Gerald Baptist at the Corby site

equal proportions, from Club Med, Bouygues, Kier and Havas, a French marketing promotions company which is teamed with Club Med in the operational management deal for WonderWorld.

So far, there are no plans for any of these four to have a place on the WonderWorld board of directors.

Mr Dennis Spiegel, an American specialist in theme park management systems, who a year ago was brought in as managing director of the WonderWorld operations, will now be working with Club Med. Much of the training of WonderWorld personnel is expected to be done in the US.

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No hiding place for us - by IBM chief

By Joe Joseph

The changes facing the business community over the next decade will be at least as significant, as uncomfortable and as challenging as those that gave birth to the first industrial revolution, says Mr Tony Cleaver, chief executive of IBM UK.

Managers who failed to adapt could find that their companies had buckled beneath them.

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COMMENT Kenneth Fleet New small investors can survive the rack

The £1 billion which 315,000 stags have attempted to invest in Tie Rack turned out to be a collective punt on the general election. It was not intended to be: it is better seen as a reflection of the great interest, stimulated by a run of successful flotations, among the ordinary people who have become the new shareholding class.

The special interest shown in Tie Rack stems from its superficially close resemblance to Sock Shop, which was 53 times oversubscribed and more than doubled in price in opening dealings. But it also shows that there is a weight of largely new money available for any new issue that catches the public eye, whether through privatization advertising campaigns or familiarity with a bright new formula in the high street.

The result at Tie Rack, as at Sock Shop and Pickwick before, has a bizarre effect because the same huge snowball of money is chasing a tiny issue: £12.5 million at Tie Rack and even less at Pickwick and Sock Shop. At present, it is impossible to tell whether these are simply the excesses of a mature bull market, when new issues often receive such treatment, or additionally represents a new, more permanent phenomenon brought by privatization and wider share ownership. Two messages stand out, however.

It is important for the future of the market to give these new shareholders (staggers?) a fair crack of the whip, to dispel any residual notion that the stock market is organized for the benefit of the big boys. In an extreme case such as Tie Rack, it is impossible to please everybody or, indeed, satisfy anybody.

A bad impression may have been created by balloting all but the biggest applications and merely scaling the latter down. None the less the company and issuing house Samuel Montagu have, in practice, favoured the smaller investor, making sure that one in 26 receives some shares although the issue was 83 times oversubscribed. A ballot for the biggest applications might have meant institutional shareholders, which the company wants for its future, losing to superstags who also featured among the big bids. Giving all 1:1 per cent spreads the misery. At least investors asking for 500 shares and winning in the ballot will receive 40 per cent of what they asked for. And Tie Rack has wisely made a gesture to the larger band of disappointed investors by giving them Tie Rack vouchers.

At some time, however, the boom in new issues will topple over, if not for political reasons then in the time-honoured ways of the stock market/interest rate cycle. When early privatization issues such as Britoil flopped, new small investors had not yet climbed aboard in really big numbers. They may therefore see new issues from British Telecom through TSB as more or less certain quick profit-earners.

This will not always be the case, and we shall have to see if the fashion survives some nasty shocks and instant losses. Let us hope it does. Averaging good seasons with bad, new issues have proved the most sensible and least risky way for new investors to build up a portfolio, not just to make a fast buck.

Choosing a lifeline

Wordplex needs a saviour. This country does not have so much information technology capacity that it can easily afford to see a company with Wordplex's expertise go under. Currently, there are two possibilities.

One is a full offer of 131p a share from Apricot, which bears plenty of scars of its own and hardly commands an avid following among fund managers. The alternative is the capital reconstruction put forward by Octagon Industries, which looks set to be forestalled by clients of Chase Manhattan Securities. They have been advised that the dilution of their interests involved in the Octagon scheme, although reduced from the original 25 per cent to 12.5 per cent, is still unacceptable; and they are likely to take that advice. As the Chase camp has around 20 per cent of Wordplex shares, and Octagon's proposals need a 75 per cent majority, Monday's extraordinary meeting is, in a voting sense, an academic exercise.

That does not mean that the Apricot bid is necessarily the better deal (though it does offer shareholders the opportunity to take cash). There is more synergy seen between the two companies than Wordplex admits although Octagon has the services of Dr Robb Wilmut who has a reputation as a company doctor. But his services are not cheap; Wordplex shareholders deserve a little more time to decide which rope to grab. Wordplex argues that any delay could be fatal, but as two firm proposals designed to give it a future are now on the table, it is unlikely that suppliers, customers or bankers are going to begrudge the company, and its shareholders, another week.

After the summit

The Economic Summiters have returned home, their primary objectives - not falling out on policy and not falling into a canal - achieved. The process of co-ordinating economic policy, through a system of indicators of economic performance, swapping forecasts and mutual surveillance, seems hardly distinguishable from the undertaking at the Tokyo summit a year ago, but there is now a presumption that emergency meetings of the Group of Seven central bankers and finance ministers will be called, not just when the currency markets necessitate them but when the economic divergences which produce volatility in the exchanges, are developing.

Kuwait set to seek rise in oil quota

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The continued firmness of world oil prices has led to one of Opec's main producers indicating it will be seeking an increase in its output quota at the forthcoming meeting of the cartel in Vienna.

Kuwait has been reported in Gulf newspapers to be preparing a request for an increased quota, but to leave the present price structure unchanged with a benchmark price of \$18 a barrel. Current North Sea prices are edging towards \$19, and in the United States, West Texas Intermediate crude is changing hands at around \$20 a barrel.

However, the United Arab Emirates could lead opposition to the Kuwaiti demand, and other countries, notably Iran and Iraq, would also demand increased output quotas if any concession is made to Kuwait.

The United Arab Emirates has said it should have an increased quota, but that it will not submit its planned application to have an extra 902,000 barrels a day added to its quota until the end of the year.

However, Iraq, shortly to open a new pipeline through Turkey that could handle an extra half million barrels a day of crude exports, has indicated that it wants a raised quota and would be prepared to breach its current quota.

Kuwait has argued that it already has a commitment from Opec that it will be allowed to increase its output in the second half of this year.

The country's oil minister, Sheikh Ali Khalifa, said in Damascus yesterday: "We run the risk of a repetition of 1986 when prices slumped to \$10."

Sterling Industries pays more

By Michael Tate

Sterling Industries, which represents the light engineering interests of The Cayzer Trust Co, is lifting its dividend from 2.75p to 3.1p, with a 2.2p final, despite a profits standstill.

Pretax earnings for the year to end-March were £878,000 against £858,000. They include a £415,000 contribution from the company's stake in Caledonia Investments, which owns 33 per cent of British & Commonwealth Holdings.

There is a £123,000 extraordinary debit relating to last September's sale of the Sterling Instruments subsidiary.

Sterling's shares have had a strong run this year on speculation that the new B & C regime, under Mr John Gunn, would tidy up the Cayzer interests.

Harveys' £8m promotion push

By Derek Harris

Harveys of Bristol, part of Allied-Lyons and sales leader in the sherry market, plans to spend £8 million in promotion this year to counter the sherry market's flagging sales.

The key aim is to attract younger drinkers and shake off sherry's typical image - the profile of the average sherry drinker is more than 45 years old and biased towards women.

But more than 23 million adult Britons still drink sherry, which is in excess of

half the adult population, according to a new survey of the sherry market from Harveys. This is more than the number drinking whisky (19 million), gin (11 million) or vodka (10.4 million). But more Britons drink table wines, says the survey.

Spanish sherry sales last year were above 15 million cases, of which Britain accounted for easily the largest amount at 31 per cent. Sherry was next most popular with the Dutch, who accounted for 24 per cent of the sales.

Cream style sherries still account for well over half total sherry consumption, although the current taste trend towards lighter and drier drinks has seen an increase in pale cream sherry sales. Pale cream sherry took a quarter of the market last year although dark cream styles still accounted for just over a third of sales. Medium sherries account for 27 per cent of the market and dry sherries 14 per cent.

The Harveys promotional spending this year includes £3.5 million behind a new

John Harvey brand, whose light smooth character is intended to fill a gap in the market between the sweet pale sherries and drier finos.

As Harveys brought out its survey, which showed sherry sales down as much as a fifth or more since 1979, there was some cheer from the latest analyses of the Wine and Spirit Association. In February sales of medium-strength wines, which include sherries and vermouths, turned up 1.4 per cent on annual comparison.

In sickness and in health

Peter Baker must surely be a contender for Margaret Thatcher's next list of life peers. Or a knightship at least. Baker, aged 53, the dealing partner - or, nowadays, director - of the stockbroker Panmure Gordon, left the City earlier this year after suffering a bout of severe stomach pains. After a sleepless night at his home at Hartlip, near Sittingbourne, Kent, he summoned his doctor and was rushed to Alexandra's Hospital, near Chatham, with suspected appendicitis. On the way, Baker, known as Bald Baker in the stock market and a dyed-in-the-wool Tory, forced the ambulance driver to call at his local polling station. Once there, I am reliably informed, he leapt out of the ambulance, pjama-clad and doubled-up with pain, to cast his all-important vote.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

The Prince's choice

With members of the Royal Family obliged to maintain a low profile during the run-up to a general election, Prince Michael of Kent was to be found lunching at stockbroker Savory Milin yesterday. An enthusiastic non-executive director of several companies, he was at Savory's new Southwark offices in his capacity as a director of the construction

group John Laing. Also at the luncheon were Laing's chairman, Martin Laing, and Savory's chairman, Bob Erith, who served with the Prince in the Royal Hussars. Between mouthfuls of stuffed quail, Prince Michael revealed that he had cast his vote early - but I'm told no one was so indiscreet as to ask which way.

Parsons, from the Press office, is desperately trying to find someone who can provide a real Christmas tree, mistletoe, and holly - no easy task in the

Postal economics

Margaret McGrath, head of the Post Office's delivery services department, deserves a well-earned rest. She master-minded the delivery of more than 30 million polling cards and 86 million envelopes containing election addresses which, together with postal votes, is worth an estimated £15 million in postage - a bill picked up by the Treasury. But despite the huge influx of business, the Post Office expects only to break even on it. "Because of overtime, the recruitment of additional staff extended deliveries and even additional deliveries, if we do make any extra profit it will be minimal," explains McGrath. She also had to give her postmen a crash course in parliamentary boundaries, after an amendment to the 1985 Representation of the People Act which allowed smaller political parties to have their literature delivered unaddressed. "Each household gets one envelope and it meant we had to know which constituencies are where," she said.

● Suggestions in this column that Raphael Zorn, one of the few surviving independent brokers, is in negotiations with a suitor are denied by the firm's administration partner, Derek Betts. "We have had about half a dozen approaches but we have refused them all," he now tells me. "We celebrated our 20th anniversary last month, as an independent firm, and we intend to stay that way." Good luck.

Carol Leonard

Crackers

Retail analysts (who, I am sure, have not yet worked out how many shopping days there are to Christmas) must have been as surprised as I was yesterday to receive my first Christmas cracker of the year. It came from WH Smith, which is organizing a "Christmas at Home" in Knightsbridge, London, next month to show off its decorations, party hats, and gifts. But the plan to deck the house with traditional Christmas greenery looks like coming unstuck. Merry (real name Merula)



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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Ward White Group results 'well ahead'

First-quarter results at Ward White Group are "well ahead" of last year. Mr Philip Birch, the chairman, said yesterday. A considerable improvement had taken place at Whitlock Corporation, the US retailer of car parts, acquired when Ward White won control of LCP Holdings last December, Mr Birch said.

Payless DIY and Halfords had significant scope for strong growth and the 61-store Zodiac (Toys) chain would grow to 88 shops by the year-end. First-quarter results at the US safety footwear offshoot were well ahead of last year.

Estate agency Amber profit sold to Hogg up to £1m

Hogg Robinson Group is paying £1.5 million for the Boston Pennington estate agency business in Surrey. The five branches will bring the number of Hogg estate agency outlets to 64. The price will be met by a cash payment of £500,000 and the issue of £1 million Hogg preference shares. Hogg estimates pretax profits for the year ending September will be £226,000. Amber Industrial Holdings, the industrial products group, yesterday reported pretax profits up from £266,000 to £21 million for the year to March 31. The company is paying a final dividend of 7p compared with 5.7p last time, lifting the total from 8.5p to 10p. Karmalyn per share reached 25.9p against 22.2p. Amber's shares rose by 10p on the news to 463p.

Abaco in £4m buy

Abaco Investments, the fast-growing financial services group, is acquiring Dennis Pooch and Davison, one of the largest independent estate agents in Wiltshire, for £4 million. The consideration is £2.6 million in cash and 1,947 million Abaco shares.

Flexello up at half time

Flexello Castors & Wheels raised interim pretax profits from £268,000 to £304,000 despite the lack of contribution from its Australian offshoot, which is suffering from pressure on its costs. The subsidiary's performance is expected to pick up in the second half and the board expects improved results for the year. The interim dividend rises from 1.3p to 1.4p.

Severn dam study starts

A £700,000 drilling programme has started in the Severn Estuary between Cardiff and Weston-Super-Mare as part of studies into the feasibility of building a barrage. The study, which is being carried out jointly by the Department of Energy, the Central Electricity Generating Board and the Severn-Tidal Power Group, will investigate the seabed and underlying rock formations.

Elders IXL names director

Elders IXL: Mr Nicholas Bryan has been appointed executive director of strategy and UK administration. News Corporation: Five new executive directors have been appointed. They are Mr John D'Arcy, chairman and chief executive officer of The Herald and Weekly Times Group, Mr Barry Diller, chairman and chief executive officer of Fox, Mr Keith Macdonald, executive chairman of Queensland Press, Mr Bill O'Neill, managing director, UK operations, and Mr Marty Stagerman, president.

APPOINTMENTS

News America Publishing: The appointments were announced yesterday by Mr Richard Seary, News Corporation chairman. Mr Rupert Murdoch, chief executive officer of News Corporation, said they would add further depth and executive strength to the board. Network Systems: Mr Malcolm Hopping joins as UK managing director. Marsh & McLennan Group: Mr Philip Page joins the board.

Richards Butler: Mr Andrew Biggs (Hong Kong office), Mr Mark Conroy (shipping department), Mr Adrian Moylan (shipping department), Lord Hacking (litigation department) and Mr Michael Leach (private client department) become partners. Granada Television: Miss Vivien Wallace and Mr Alastair Mutch become directors. Arthur Maiden: Mr Simon Hadden joins the board. Willis Group: Mr Beesh Zyranski joins the board.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table with columns for Base Rates, Discount Market Loans, Treasury Bills, Prime Bank Bills, Local Authority Bonds, and Euro Money Deposits. Includes sub-sections for Bullion and London Traded Options.

Drunken mistake destroys plea of self-defence

There was no case directly in point which was binding on their Lordships. How should the jury be invited to approach the problem? In R v Williams (Gladstone) (1983) 78 Cr App R 276 it was held that where a defendant might have been labouring under a mistake as to the facts, he had to be judged according to that mistaken view - whether the mistake was reasonable or not. It was then for the jury to decide whether the defendant's reaction to the threat (real or imaginary) was a reasonable one. The court was not there considering what the situation might be where the mistake was caused by voluntary intoxication.

Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, so stated when giving the reserved judgment of the Court of Appeal dismissing an appeal by Patrick Gerald O'Grady, aged 49, against conviction after a five-day trial at the Central Criminal Court (Judge Underhill, QC and a jury) of manslaughter of Eddie McCloskey. He had been indicted for murder and was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. Mr James Wadsworth, QC and Mr Peter Spink, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals as counsel for the appellant, Mr Michael Worsley, QC and Mr Michael Neilgan for the Crown. The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, said that the appellant and his friend McCloskey spent the night drinking. The appellant had drunk huge quantities of cider, some eight flagons. Early the next morning the appellant, covered with blood, said that he and McCloskey had had a fight. He went to the police station saying he wished to report a murder. He said: "If I had not hit him I would be dead myself". In directing the jury the judge made no mention of the possibility that the appellant might be suffering from intoxication. He was mistaken as to the threat posed to him by McCloskey's action. Mr Wadsworth submitted that the judge should have included the possibility of mistake as to the severity of the attack on the most likely possibility on the facts. In effect, the judge had divorced the reasonableness of the appellant's reaction from his state of mind at the time. Their Lordships respectfully

Council must issue tax licences until no unmet demand shown

Regina v Reading Borough Council, Ex parte Egan Same v Same, Ex parte Sallman. Before Mr Justice Nolan [Judgment June 11]. Where a local authority was unable to feel satisfied that there was no significant unmet demand for taxis in the relevant area, it was obliged under section 16 of the Transport Act 1985 to grant applications for licences in respect of suitably qualified vehicles without limit of number. Mr Justice Nolan so held in the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment when he allowed the application of Mr Dennis Francis Egan, as representative of the Reading and District Taxi Owners' and Drivers' Association, and by Mr Anthony Frederick Sallman, proprietor of a firm of private hire operators, for an order of certiorari to quash the resolution of the council's transportation committee on January 28, 1986. The resolution was that "in accordance with the suggestion of the Department of Transport in paragraph 28 of circular 3/85, the chief executive and town clerk be authorized to issue up to 30 new hackney carriage licences to be issued by ballot on the basis of one licence per applicant" and that other applications be deferred until the effects of granting these additional licences had been assessed. Mr Robin Campbell for the applicant Egan; Mr John Norman for the applicant Sallman; Mr Graham Stoker for the council. MR JUSTICE NOLAN said that it was common ground that the effect of section 16 was that licences (to be issued by ballot) on the basis of one licence per applicant) and that other applications be deferred until the effects of granting these additional licences had been assessed. Mr Robin Campbell for the applicant Egan; Mr John Norman for the applicant Sallman; Mr Graham Stoker for the council.

Trade-mark rights not relevant. Regina v Secretary of State for Social Services, Ex parte Wellcome Foundation Ltd. Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Croom-Johnson [Judgment June 3]. Infringement of trade mark rights was a relevant consideration for the Secretary of State for Social Services in exercising his power under the Medicines Act 1968 to issue product licences for parallel imports of medicines. The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by the secretary of state from a decision of Mr Justice Webster on February 13 (The Times February 25, 1987) granting the applicants, the Wellcome Foundation Ltd, judicial review of the secretary of state's decision of September 16, 1986 that trade mark issues were irrelevant and that he had no power to refuse a product licence for parallel imports on the ground that importation or distribution of the product so licensed would constitute an infringement of their trade mark rights. Mr Andrew Collins, QC and Mr Nicholas Paines, QC for the secretary of state; Mr Anthony Lester, QC and Mr David Panikoff for the Wellcome Foundation. THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the jurisdiction of the courts to entertain applications for judicial review

ALPHA STOCKS

Table listing various companies and their stock prices, including Allied Lyons, British Gas, British Airways, BP, British Telecom, etc.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table showing financial futures data for three months sterling, three months Eurodollar, US Treasury Bond, Short Gilt, Long Gilt, and FT-SE 100.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table showing Sterling Spot and Forward Rates, Other Sterling Rates, and Dollar Spot Rates.

Trade-mark rights not relevant

contractual right under a restrictive covenant entered into for good consideration. Its determination as between private parties (whether by arbitration or judicial) could give rise to complicated issues of fact and law. The court had to determine whether whether trade mark rights and the possibility of their infringement was a relevant consideration in deciding whether to grant product licences for parallel imports. Purely in terms of domestic law, and when the Medicines Act 1968 was passed no other law was in force, there were pointers in both directions. Once the Community element was injected, as section 20(1)(b) in its amended form required, the answer was clear beyond argument. Mr Justice Webster had not been referred to SA Ciba-Midy v Belgian State (Case 301/82) (1984) ECR 2511. It was quite clear that no licence could be refused upon trade grounds, but that, subject to the effect of article 30 of the EEC Treaty, there was no reason why proprietary rights arising under trade marks should not be enforced in the ordinary way, since the grant of a licence was irrelevant to the nature and extent of the rights of a trade mark proprietor. The appeal should be allowed. Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Croom-Johnson agreed. Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor, Theodor Goddard.

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Sweet smell of success

Roger Knowles has just turned down a £4.5m bid for the perfume company he started with the help of his wife: he believes he can expand turnover to beyond £10m a year



By Derek Harris
O ldrice books found in a chemist's attic inspired Roger Knowles to start a company making traditional English perfumery products. Now, 13 years later, he has just turned down a takeover deal for his business which would have netted him £4.5 million.

Instead, he is working on a five-year development plan for the company, Woods of Windsor, which in its first year had a turnover of only £50,000.

Turnover has grown to £4.5 million, with sales increases in the past doubling each year until recently when growth settled at a 50 per cent annual rise.

During the first year, Mr Knowles was helped by his wife, Kathleen, and a part-time assistant but since then the workforce has grown to nearly 100.

The venture has succeeded despite its share of problems, especially recently as currency changes have taken their toll of exports. These are crucial, representing currently about 45 per cent of trading.

About half that is accounted for by sales into the United States. Mr Knowles said: "Australia used to be one of our biggest markets - worth about £250,000 a year - but with the decline in the Australian dollar we have virtually been priced out of the market. Possibly we might start our own Australian operation to reduce the distribution margins and try to get back in."

In 1981 he turned to Japan and wrestled with bureaucratic needs such as registering perfume formulas and shipments analyses.

He said: "We are now doing extremely



"Right! All I have to do now is sit back and wait for the promises to be fulfilled!"

On the right scent: perfume exports won Roger Knowles a Queen's Award for achievement

well in Japan and we are the only UK company in our sector selling in any quantity.

"We sell through about 300 Japanese department stores and the main problem is competing with local manufacturers. Pot-pourri was unknown there until we went in but now it is made up by the local manufacturers."

By 1983, Woods had won a Queen's Award for exports, its US operation having been buttressed by setting up its own warehousing operation. Exports go to about 40 countries altogether.

The other need was to expand the range, which started off with only 20 products but which has grown to about 400, including sachets, drawerliners and toiletries. It took nearly three years and £100,000 to launch last year what he calls the Woods' designer fragrance range, Rondaleta.

In recent years he has had a number of offers for the Woods operation. The one that nearly came to the contract stage would have been a cash and shares deal with Mr Knowles staying on as deputy managing director.

He explained his late decision against it saying: "I decided that I had been working for myself for too long."

At 50 years old he adds: "Sooner or later I can see there will be a flotation, probably on the Unlisted Securities Market, but right now I want to get on with expanding the business and running it. I can see a great increase possible in exports. I feel we have arrived at a critical mass for a mushrooming of growth now that we are a significant name in the market place."

For now, he sees the financing being done through bank loans. A USM move could eventually fit in as a way to finance even greater expansion.

The bottom line target in his five-year plan is to push turnover to beyond £10 million, with overseas operations accounting for more than half the trade.

The Prince calls for a greater agency role

A more dynamic role for local enterprise agencies was called for in the last week by the Prince of Wales, speaking as president at regional meetings of Business in the Community, the umbrella body for the agencies which, now numbering about 300, help small businesses with advice and counselling.

Greater use of marketing techniques, encouragement of a shrunken manufacturing sector and closer relations between academic bodies and business were the main priorities identified by Prince Charles, writes Derek Harris.

The theme of marketing should be injected more in enterprise agency work, the Prince suggested. He stressed its importance for British businesses because he believed they had "missed out a great deal on this line". He also underlined the need for design.

The Prince, an admirer of the Better Made in Britain campaign, suggested agencies might encourage small businesses where appropriate to manufacture goods which could be substituted for imports. He pointed to a Berkshire agency analysis showing that of the businesses it dealt with last year only 11 per cent were in manufacturing, contrasting with 18 per cent the year before.

He added: "I believe we must try and encourage that manufacturing sector if we are going to create the kind of wealth and business that we do need in this country."

The Prince is keen to bring universities, polytechnics and technical colleges closer to the agencies because, he said, such a relationship between the academic and the businessman can be "extremely effective" in putting into production new ideas and developments surfacing in the academic world.

BRIEFING

Peat Marwick McLintock, the accountants and consultants, are holding open an offer of free advice and help for small businesses under an Enterprise Initiative plan announced in March with a June 1 deadline. One reason is that many of the 70 applicants needed to prepare a basic business plan before getting the Peat Marwick treatment on issues such as marketing strategy and advice on raising capital.

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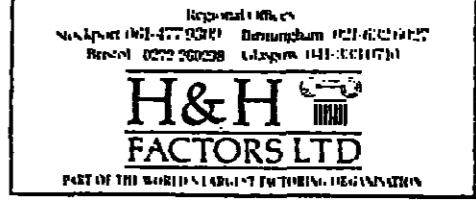
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MOTOR SPORT: CITY OF COVENTRY AIMS FOR DOUBLE

Jaguar well-equipped to end barren years with Le Mans victory

Already they are talking in Coventry about a great sporting double - the FA Cup, to be followed this weekend by a Jaguar victory at Le Mans. If it happens, it will have been richly deserved, for Jaguar have never been better equipped for success in the world's most famous endurance race, which they last won (for the fifth time) 30 years ago.

Jaguar have been back at Le Mans since 1984, first in conjunction with their American racing associates, Group 44, but since last year with factory team cars built and operated by Tom Walkinshaw Racing, designed by Tony Southgate and carrying the mauve, yellow and white colours of Silk Cut, their sponsors.

For the first time, special cars have been built for the Le Mans race, the XJR8LM being a derivation of the design which has recorded a 100 per cent success record so far this season - four outright victories at Jarama, Jerez, Monza and Silverstone. But these were only 'sprint' events averaging less than 500 miles, to win Le Mans is the equivalent of winning at least six

From John Blunsden, Le Mans

such races, so victory this weekend in the endurance-racing marathon must be far from a foregone conclusion.

In the C1 class, which will provide the overall winner, Jaguar are outnumbered 13 to three by Porsche, the winners of eight of the last 10 races, including the last six. Both works teams have a formidable driver line-up. For Jaguar, Eddie Cheever is teamed with Raul Boesel, John Watson with Jan

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Lammers, and Martin Brundle with John Nielsen. In the Rothmans Porsches, Derek Bell will be driving with Hans Stuck, Jochen Mass with Bob Wollek, and Vern Schuppan with Pierre Cobbe. But Porsche have the comforting back-up of several potential winners amongst their customers, including the three Joest and Brun teams and the British-based Ligier Moly car shared by Jonathan Palmer and James Weaver. Jaguar have no such back-up should things go wrong with the factory cars.

Wilson going for second victory

By a Special Correspondent

Malcolm Wilson, one of only two Englishmen to have won the event in the past 10 years, makes his debut for the Peugeot team in the British Midland Scottish Rally which starts in Glasgow on Saturday. He is hoping to become the fourth different driver to gain success in this year's Shell Oils RAC Open Rally championship.

Wilson was released from his Austin Rover contract to drive for the British Peugeot team a fortnight ago, and has spent several days testing the Group A version of the Peugeot 205 GTI, which won the world championship last year.

Wilson, who won the event in 1983, said: "The car is tremendous. I may be giving away a few horsepower to the opposition, but that won't matter overmuch

as the car is incredibly good on every other score." Peugeot have high hopes of taking the team prize as well, for they have the underrated Louise Atkinson-Walker and the experienced Terry Kirby at back-up on the 33-stage event, which takes an entry of 123 crews into central and southern areas of Scotland in two loops before returning to Glasgow around breakfast time on Monday.

Jimmy McRae, the runner-up five times between 1981 and 1985, is hoping to score his maiden victory in his home event in one of several Ford Sierra Cosworths, and thus close the gap of seven points between himself and the joint leaders from Finland, Pentti Airikkala (Vaughall Astra GTI), and Sebastian Lindholm (Audi Coupé Quattro).

Thorpe will miss world title round

By a Correspondent

Dave Thorpe, the world and British moto-cross champion, has been forced to pull out of the next round of the world championship in Italy on Sunday. Thorpe fractured the humerus in his left arm when he crashed in the second race at the British championship meeting in Cambridge on last weekend and he will be out of action for at least another month.

"Fortunately I still only miss one round in the world series and none in the British championship," Thorpe said. "I shall definitely be back in training in plenty of time for the British round of the world series at Farleigh Castle on July 12."

Thorpe's absence from the meeting near Pisa in Northern Italy could allow his Belgian rival, Georges Jobe, to increase his 10-point lead over Thorpe.

ATHLETICS

Smith the obvious choice for selection

By Pat Butcher Athletics Correspondent

The official announcement will not be made until Monday, but Geoff Smith should go into tomorrow's world championships 10,000 metres trial at Gatshead with the unexpected homecoming presence of selection as replacement for the injured Charlie Spedding in the marathon team from Rome.

There will doubtless be those members of the selection panel, unworthy enough to hope that some ill befalls Smith in tomorrow's race, so that they can keep him on the track as a reserve selection, as they did in 1984. But however Smith runs tomorrow, there should be no doubt of his marathon ability after his close finish behind Steve Jones in Boston in April in 2hr 12min 42sec.

Despite that proximity to Jones, the British record holder, it seems that Smith was barely considered when the original trio of Steve and Hugh Jones and Spedding was selected for Rome after the London race last month. For, whereas there was a women's reserve nominated, there was no further man, when the only candidate was Smith.

The animosity towards Smith stems from his having lived in the United States for the last seven years, following a university education in Providence, Rhode Island, where he still lives with his American wife. The preference for home-based athletes resulted in Smith's Olympic selection (after winning the Boston Marathon in early 1984) being held in abeyance while some trifling matter of an overseas sponsor's name on his vest was resolved.

Smith, who returned home to Liverpool last Tuesday, said yesterday: "I think I should have been selected. I don't think I've done anything to upset the selectors. It would be nice to go into tomorrow's race knowing I've been selected for the marathon, but I'd like to make sure by winning tomorrow."

He may be reasoning without the elaborate machinery of some of the selectors. But it seems that, this time they have no other choice. So the sooner they do it the better for all concerned. Spedding informed the selectors on Tuesday of his withdrawal. "What should have been a minor Achilles tendon operation led to infection and a skin disease."

Smith admits that his absence from Britain has left him unaware of the younger talents like Paul Davies-Hale, Jon Richards and Geoff Turnbull. "But I still think the time to watch are Nick Rose, and Mike McLeod, and nothing has really changed in that respect," he said.



Point made: Barry Hills looks over the Manton gallops with his eldest son, John (Photograph: Stephen Markeson)

Hills discovers his paradise

Barry Hills came in from the cold of a lengthy lean spell at Newbury this week. The victories of Blessed Event, Accompanist and Ajuga gave firm evidence that the Manton horses are coming back on song as the first half of the season reaches its climax.

Gallic League, an exceptionally quick two-year-old, will be one of the trainer's seven-strong raiding party at Royal Ascot next week and looks like starting favourite for the Norfolk Stakes. Bourbon Girl, runner-up to Unite at Epsom, will attempt to repeat Dibdale's 1974 victory for the trainer in the Cliftonville Stud Irish Oaks. And Sir Harry Lewis, fourth in Reference Point in the Derby, goes on a recovery mission in the Budweiser Irish Derby on June 27.

Hills has now been installed at Manton since the end of November. The decision to accept Robert Sangster's offer was not an easy one. In the 18 years he has been operating at his South Bank stables at Lambourn, the now 50-year-old Hills has built up a thriving business.

He has won English and Irish classics with Tap On Wood, Enstone Spark and Dibdale. Rheingold, beaten a short head by Roberto in the 1972 Derby, went on to capture two Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud and a Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. For Sangster, he has won two Ascot Gold Cup with Gildor and the 1978 Benson and Hedges Gold Cup with Hawaiian Sound.

"It was a difficult choice, because I'd already made my arrangements for the coming season," he explained. "But I felt I had to accept the challenge. I'd been in the top 10 trainers for the past 15 years but I'd never reached the absolute top. This was my chance to have 150 horses of the highest possible quality."

Sangster has lavished a fortune on the property as he seeks to maintain his position on the turf against the growing power of the new Arab owners.

Facilities at Manton almost beggar description. "There are 16 miles of gallops and another 16 miles of horse walks. Two all-weather surfaces have been constructed, a nine-furlong U-shaped gallop and a straight six-furlong strip with sprinklers.

"It's fantastic as everything is to hand," he went on. "I'm reaping the benefit of the work that Michael Dickinson did. Whichever way you look at it, he did a marvellous job."

The cost of purchasing and modernizing this earthly paradise remains Sangster's secret. "Robert's never given me any details," says the trainer. "But, suppose it cost £8 million, he must have spent the same amount on improvements."

John, the trainer's son, now looks after 46 horses at South Bank and the business side of the family concern is operated from the new modern office block at Manton. "I've got 156 horses here," says Hills. "My company is called South Bank Limited. Basically I'm responsible for the racing side of things. The Swettenham Stud, Robert's company, looks after the estate, the farm and the shoot."

After the enormous expenditure on Manton and the initial mistakes, Sangster's paramount concern is now to obtain a return on his investment.

The trainer's wife, Penny, is an accomplished horsewoman, who rides out two lots daily. He has two younger sons, Charles and George, as well as John, the trainer, and Michael and Richard, the jockeys.

"The older boys owe me nothing now," he said. "They are standing on

their own two feet. This is a marvellous place to bring up a family and sometimes I feel I never want to leave it.

"I suppose I haven't done too badly since I started as an apprentice at the age of 16. I only weighed seven stone and I had won an old bike. I was paid five shillings a week with a £25-a-year clothing allowance."

The story of Hills' early rise to fame is already a legend. He bought South Bank out of his gambling winnings over the victory of Frankincense in the 1968 Lincoln Handicap, when he was travelling head lad to John Oxley.

"I also had quite a lot of punters in those days," he remembers. "Some pretty well-known figures used to give me the odds to a pony if I tipped them a winner."

When the slight and dapper figure of the trainer steps out of the front door of the Victorian mansion at 7am sharp each morning to enter the courtyard of the old stable block with its warm, mellow bricks, the scene has probably changed little in the past hundred years apart from the four new stables that have been added. And of course there are also the recently constructed Barton yard and the Astor complex.

That night the trainer sat in the candlelit dining room, smoking his usual outside cigar and drinking a glass of wine. "I hope to God, Labour don't get in," he thundered forth. "If they do it will be the ruination of the country."

Somewhat I have a feeling that, whatever the result of the election has been this morning, Barrington William Hills, one of life's great survivors and a clever and resourceful man, will soon be bringing further lustre to the illustrious traditions of Manton.

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RACING: FORMER CHAMPION CAN MAKE MOST OF DOUBLE SHIFT

Cauthen poised for a field day Hern colt sparkles on debut

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips) Steve Cauthen looks poised to lead a double shift at York this afternoon before repeating the feat at Doncaster in the evening.

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Keeneland Association, the Kentucky sales and racing organization, step into European race sponsorship for the first time when they give £115,000 to the six-furlong Keeneland Sprint Stakes at Phoenix Park on July 22.

YACHTING Torbay wait for marina decision

By Barry Pickthall The hopes of the challenge of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club's Interceptor for the America's Cup are riding on the outcome of a planning meeting next week to review proposals for a new marina at Brickham.

If the plans, which have drawn widespread opposition from Torbay fishermen and pleasure boat operators, but are welcomed by yachtmen and local traders, get the green light, the Torbay Yacht Club's Interceptor will be in a position - sponsors willing - to sign up David Hallam as designer and Eddie Warden Owen as skipper.

One sponsor's name linked with the Royal Torbay group is the White Horse Whisky, the Guinness label that backed Graham Walker's White Crusader for the America's Cup, which is supporting his BACC group again at this month's 12-metre world championship.

While almost certainly committed to a future presence in a British America's Cup effort, continued White Horse support for the BACC group is by no means certain. "Warwick Collins' radical design approach does have a certain appeal, but we have been talking to all four syndicates and are seeking investment which will allow us to offer as the best exposure," Paul Antrobus, the White Horse marketing director, said yesterday.

Americans go for big boats

While the rest of the world are looking to include two small one-tonners within their three-boat America's Cup teams, the Americans have gone all out for three big boats to win the Cup that has remained so elusive to them since their last victory in 1969.

The American trials, held off Newport, ended last weekend with the 45ft Nelson/Marek-designed Intestabile, sailed by Garry Wiseman and Bruce Nelson, as the clear winner, followed by the similar-sized Sidewinder, a Retchel/Pugh design skippered by John Bertrand, and the 35ft, and the Juel/Vrolik Blue Yankee sailed by Steve Benjamin.

"We think it will be a 'big boat' series in the Solent this year," Steve Black, the USYU director, said yesterday. "All the one-tonners in our series got buried by the bigger boats and we hope it will be the same at Cowes."

Nickerson set for Azores

After averaging more than nine knots on Monday and Tuesday, Robert Nickerson and his crewman, Marc Fitzgerald, sailing the 60ft monohull, Cherry Valley Superduck, reported yesterday that they thought they had built up a large lead over their 39 rivals on the first leg of the Henri Lloyd-sponsored AZAB race and expected to reach Ponta del Garda in the Azores tomorrow.

However, there has been no word this week from the normally garrulous Peter Phillips, aboard the Novacat, who is set out from Falomout an hour behind the leaders last Saturday after experiencing problems hoisting the mainsail on his 75ft catamaran.

Olympic show by Greeks

From Malcolm McKeag Porto Carras, Greece In Fremantle you wait for the Director, you wait for the bouchara. The name changes but the wait is the same: the idle drift of racing sailors waiting for wind. A regatta centre has been set up in the hotels, excellent shore facilities, even telephones - but if it does not have wind it does not have a regatta.

The bouchara is Greece's afternoon summer sea breeze, which is totally enclosed natural harbour, like a keyhole into the coastline of the three-fingered Halkidiki peninsula in northern Greece, is where the Hellenic Yachting Federation are hosts to the tenth International Yacht Racing (Union World Women's Sailing Championship). It is also where, more importantly, they hope in 1996 to play host to the sailing events of the centenary Olympics.

If the Games come to Greece, the sailors will in all probability come to Porto Carras. When they do they will find a sailing venue already well endowed with facilities, both natural and man-made. The Meltemi, the north westerly wind of the Mediterranean, seems to bypass Porto Carras, leaving only the bouchara, which failed to materialize properly on only one day, but from a sailor's point of view its predictability is causing problems of its own. On the beats there is only one way to go left on a starboard into the shore, along the olive-scented coast, then come out to the mark on port tack.

RUGBY UNION: AUSTRALIA AND FRANCE NAME WORLD CUP TEAMS BUT FRENCH COACH FEARS HOME ADVANTAGE WILL BE GALIC DOWNFALL

Three favourites plus Wales to contest intriguing semi-finals

From David Hands, Rugby Correspondent, Brisbane

The World Cup has now been reduced to the semi-finals which most of us anticipated. A confrontation between the northern and southern hemisphere sides as represented on the one hand by France and Wales, and on the other by Australia and New Zealand.

Three of those countries were entirely predictable. The fourth depended on which of the four home countries could keep its act together the longest. That has turned out to be Wales, though you will not find many takers around Brisbane who fancy them for the final.

Most of the clever money for tomorrow's game at Concord Oval in Sydney will go on Australia, despite the enforced change in their team, which brings in the new players, who have been bruised thigh did not even allow him to train properly yesterday. Coker played in Australia's opening game, against England, and did not greatly distinguish himself, though in admittedly difficult circumstances - it was his country's first serious game of the season, in which he was playing out of position: he is normally a lock.

But if Australia have suffered because of injury, France have too; only more so. They have named Pierre Berbizier at scrum half for instance, despite a deep scratch on the inside of the thigh which is a legacy of the quarter-final win over Fiji. I imagine he will play in some discomfort, but he has become indispensable to the French cause these last three seasons both for his individual skill and his interpretation of Daniel Dubroca's dispositions.

France's Haget, however, has gone with a strained hamstring, and Jean Condom returns at lock. Out too is Guy Laporte, another veteran, and Francis Mesnel plays at stand-off half. Denis Charvet moves in from the wing, which is where France have placed,

their new goalkicker, Didier Camberbero, holder of the world record for points scored in an international. Camberbero, normally Bezier's stand-off, was not an original selection for the tournament. Having come in for the injured Jean-Baptiste Lafond, who is going at full back and scored 30 points

AUSTRALIA: D Campese (New South Wales); P Gray (Queensland); A Sheppard (Queensland); B Pennington (New South Wales); S Guscott (New South Wales); M Lymn (Queensland); M Fenech (New South Wales); C Campese (Queensland); T Lister (Queensland); S Pridmore (New South Wales); S Galt (New South Wales); W Campbell (Queensland); J Siller (Queensland); T Coker (Queensland); R McInnes (Queensland); M McInnes (Queensland); S Smith (Queensland); A Scahill (New South Wales); A Hogg (Queensland).

FRANCE: S Haget (Paris); P Berbizier (Bayonne); S Charvet (Agen); D Camberbero (Bordeaux); F Mesnel (Racing Club); P Barthelemy (Agen); P Costes (Stade Toulousain); J P Galtier (Agen); A Lesauz (Aix-Marseille); J Rodriguez (Montpellier); R Mouton (Agen); L Arney (Lyon); P Dumas (Toulouse); A Jones (Bordeaux); M Hogg (Agen); J Andrieu (Agen); J B Lafond (Racing Club); R B Anderson (Scotland).

(three tries and nine conversions) against Zimbabwe in a qualifying match. Now he moves to the wing, a switch which is reminiscent of the removal of Jean Gachassin during the Sixties.

Like Gachassin, Camberbero is unlikely to appear in the team list when Wales today make their team to play New Zealand in Sunday's semi-final here at Ballymore. The lock, who will captain Cardiff next season, has not recovered from a hamstring injury and took little part in yesterday's training after the team returned from two days break on the Gold Coast.

Norster played under some constraint against England last Monday and was replaced near the end by Huw Richards. Not a match lock is in best of health; he too has a 'grumbling' hamstring which may mean a place for Steve Sutton alongside Richard Moriarty.

penalties, a conversion and a dropped goal. And Lynam, after a shaky start with his goalkicking against England, has been hitting the ball sweetly.

This French pack, however, is identical to that which beat New Zealand in a fearsome struggle in Nantes last November. The situation now, however, is different, in that the All Blacks were carrying some injured players at the end of a physically demanding tour, and they did not possess three players of over 6ft 7in, as Australia do in Coker, Campbell and Cutler.

It will be both a physical and an intellectual challenge tomorrow: intellectual because of the analytical approach of both coaches, Alan Jones and Jacques Fouroux, and the quality of the midfield players available: Sella, Charvet and Papworth.

France have perfected in Europe the co-ordination of their driving forward play, based round three tall back row men, in which the three quarters tend to play a subordinate role. Tomorrow, I fancy, all the weapons in France's armoury need to be unveiled.



Berbizier: his talents are indispensable to the French cause

Hamstrings hamper Wales

From David Hands

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Hamstrings are all the rage in the Welsh camp just now: now sooner had John Rawlins, the Newport replacement prop, eased his way out of the delayed flight and joined his new colleagues for his first training run than he too was hobbling off the field clutching the back of his leg. Whether his World Cup has finished before it has begun may be confirmed today.

At least Jonathan Davies is running freely after a knock on the knee against England and Gareth Roberts got through an afternoon's sprinting. The Cardiff flanker's broken nose may provide breathing problems and Richard Webster, the young Swansea flanker who is not, as

Fouroux's team is criticized for lack of enterprise

From Chris Tuan, Sydney

After taking France to the semi-finals of the World Cup, Jacques Fouroux, their coach, has again become the subject of a most vitriolic press campaign. The scenario and the actors are the same: only the location is different. What used to be the stable, Five-Nation Championship diet, has now been extended to World Cup rugby.

Fouroux's France is criticized for anything from lack of style, conception and method, to poor casting and, even worse, poor rugby. However, some of the criticism does seem legitimate.

After the classic match against Scotland in the opening game of the World Cup, France appeared to lose that spark of enterprise and spirit which made them look world beaters in the Five-Nations tournament only four months earlier.

"We've been playing far too much rugby," Fouroux said. "The players have been saturated with highly competitive rugby for more than a year. The tour to Argentina, Australia and New Zealand last year, the All Black Test series, the Five-Nations and then the exceedingly competitive final stages of the French championship have taken their toll."

The game against Scotland was one of the initial targets of the World Cup, and according to Fouroux the players peaked early and felt jaded afterwards. But yesterday's training session, one of the toughest I've seen, seemed to have recharged the energy required for such level of competition.

"It was harder than anything we've had so far. It was supposed to channel the energy and the enthusiasm of the players into some form of physical challenge. That will take its final form during the following two days. The game against Australia is the ultimate challenge and I'm confident that we can produce a great game of rugby."

Fouroux is basing his confidence on the intelligence gathered during last year's tour of Argentina, Australia and New Zealand, and on what he calls the "quality" of the French personnel.

"I honestly believe that most of my players are better than their opposite numbers. I believe that Sella is better than

Slack, that Charvet is superior to Papworth, that Meneal is better than Lynam, and that Rodriguez is better than Tuynman."

Fouroux, who as captain was the first to urge his players to get together in a circle during their national anthem as far back as 1975, is a master of physical preparations for his occasions.

His miracle in Nantes, when he took France to a memorable win against the All Blacks, is still a vivid memory. However, he is

not trying to exercise that spirit in order to win in Sydney.

"We don't have to recreate the spirit of Nantes. The match is big enough not to need a transplant of enthusiasm. The game is different, the circumstances are different, so the spirit must be different."

"We are playing in Sydney, in front of their own crowd. It shouldn't have been like that. The semi-finals should have been played on neutral grounds. While New Zealand are coming to Australia, the Wallabies should have naturally played their semi-final in New Zealand. It would have been fairer."

Fouroux knows that winning is the name of the game, and although he would like to see a French victory, he is enough of a pragmatist to know that a win is enough to take him to the first World Cup final.

"Probably Japan and Fiji are world champions for their time, but that is not winning rugby. New Zealand and Australia are those who win games. Their pressure game is so well organized that they fool the opposition into making mistakes. It is not just the quality of the players who win the games, it is the opposition who lose them."

FOOTBALL: ITALY SEARCH FOR PLAY-MAKER BEFORE HOSTING WORLD CUP

De Napoli has to fill the void

From David Miller, Zurich

Can Fernando de Napoli, a neat and competitive midfield player with Napoli, Italy's new champions, become the play-maker, which Italy have lacked since the days of Rivera in the early Seventies? Although Argentina, the World Cup holders, gave a poor technical performance in a tempestuous practice match here on Wednesday night, there was the impression that de Napoli, on his thirteenth appearance, can become the missing link of the home team in 1990.

Yet after seeing Italy's miserable display when undeservedly winning 1-0 in Lisbon, I am not convinced that Azevio Vicini's side has cured their compulsion to play sideways.

One of the characteristics of Italian football, both vice and virtue, is that boys develop at school to play in one position - sweeper, marker, attacker - in the style of the national team, so that continuity in finding a replacement is comparatively straightforward for the national manager. Yet so many of the play-makers in the league are imported - Platini, Maradona, Falcao, Junior, Wilkins - that it is difficult for a national No. 10 to emerge.

It is said that Lorisforiano, of Como, who plays in the national under-21 team which lost on penalties in last year's final, is the most promising on the horizon. Penalties, incidentally, have been the bane of Italy's season. Juventus, Napoli and Fiorentina all lost in European competition on shoot-outs: Juventus 2-0 to Real Madrid, and Fiorentina missing the last kick for Napoli, while Mancini, of Sampdoria, missed a penalty in Stockholm in Italy's European Championship defeat that

left Sweden leading Italy's qualifying group by one point. Maradona, brilliant but overweight, was remorselessly shadowed by his Napoli colleague, Ferrara, playing his first international. It was like watching again the 1982 World Cup encounter in which Gentile tried to replace Maradona's missing match: a player, in Stan Hy's immortal phrase in the film "O'Le", "who likes to exchange shirts during the match."

Argentina can not be carried by Maradona alone, and it looks as though Carlos Bilardo, their manager, will be hard pressed to make an impact in 1990. He says, between now and then, Argentina will play 20 matches in Europe, starting with four next April, and continuing after the Olympic Games in which many of their players are involved.

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HOCKEY

Skinner in England reckoning

By Sydney Friskin

Robert Skinner, aged 23, who was capped three times for England in 1985, is in a squad of 25 players from which 16 will be chosen for the European Championship, starting in Moscow on August 20.

Skinner, who plays for ISCA, scored 25 goals for the club last season, four for Devon in the county championship and three for West, who won the senior divisional title. He is a school teacher in Plymouth.

John Hurst, aged 35, who is Great Britain's second-choice goalkeeper for the Champions Trophy tournament starting in Amsterdam on June 19, has been omitted by the England selectors, who prefer Steve Taylor, of Stourport, as an understudy to the more experienced Ian Taylor.

There will be a training weekend at Bisham Abbey from July 3 to 5, although not all the 25 players in the squad will have their names being tested. The remaining 13 will have combined exercises with 11 members of the England under-21 squad.

The England team eventually selected for Moscow will take part in the Home Countries tournament in Dublin from July 17 to 19, play two international matches against Belgium in Brussels on August 1 and 2, and two games against West Germany in Stuttgart on August 14 and 15 on the way to Moscow.

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CYCLING

Webster chasing Lloyd's record

By Peter Bryan

On Sunday, Darryl Webster has his first race in the Isle of Man since his disputed victory last weekend in the national 21-mile Time Trial Championship at Grimsby when there were allegations that he had not kept his line on the left-hand side of the road.

He faces another ride against the clock, this time on the 37 quarter-mile TT circuit which takes in the 2,000-foot climb of Snaefell, a five-mile drag from Ramsey that ends often in the clouds. The trial is the opening event of the Manx Cycling Week, which begins on Saturday with the women's national road race

The Stoke-on-Trent rider is no stranger to the island and his expected victory will see him equal the record of five wins in a row held by Dave Lloyd, of Liverpool. This year sees the biggest entry ever in the 15 riders who start at one minute intervals; potential challenges come from the as yet unnamed

French, Italian and Dutch national teams. Webster is course record holder with a time of 1hr 27min 3sec which he set four years ago.

Tomorrow his Manchester Wheelers club colleagues are in Abergeenny, South Wales, bidding for the British Cycling Federation 100-kilometre team time trial championship, restored to the calendar after a break last year. Webster was in the winning side in 1985. This year the Wheelers will be led by national road race champion, Peter Davies, with Paul Curran, Deno Longbottom and Rob Holden in support.

The Milk Race winner, Malcolm Elliott, back in Britain this week after eight days racing in France, will be the rider every one will mark in Sunday's 136-mile professional Norwich Spring Classic. It is one of the longest events of the season with the biggest coverage, eight laps of a 12-mile circuit, before the final 40 miles are raced over 10 laps of a city-centre circuit.

SQUASH RACKETS

Truly a champion of champions

By Colin McQuillan

Lorraine Harlow, champion of Breenfield and rated by many as the best part-time woman player in England, must also count as an organizers' dream competitor. Seeded second in the north London area of the Dunlop Champion of Champions tournament, she has reached the area final against Sheila White, the police champion representing Cheshunt, at Oakleigh Park, Whetstone, tonight.

Mrs Harlow, aged 28 and a previous winner of Champion of Champions, is an assistant manager with the American Bank, and ran a 54-mile charity race from London to Brighton last Saturday. On Sunday she played her first-round match in the Dunlop, then happily spent the next few hours marking other people's matches.

Each night since she has arrived in North London, briefcase in one hand and squash bag in the other, ready to play and

mark her way through successive rounds. Then she travels home to Brentwood, Essex.

In an area semi-final which must have beaten all records for smiling enthusiasm on all sides, she defeated Sue Johnson, of Eastway Club, in straight games. The pair were first kept waiting while Dave Clarke, the RAF champion and playing for Wycombe Hills, defeated another police champion, Dave Sanders, of Herts Country Club, on the show court. The organizers then placed the women's match on a side court anyway.

In the South London area semi-finals, Senga Macfie, who defeated Mrs Harlow for the title last year, continued her defence by beating Jane Reeves, of Wimbledon, in straight games. The South London area final tonight at King George's Park, Wandsworth, will be a replay of last year between Miss Macfie and Sue Wright, the

Hoddle move almost sealed

By Stuart Jones Football Correspondent

Glenn Hoddle is seemingly about to realize his own dream and move to the Continent. Gerard Houllier, the manager of Paris St Germain, stated yesterday that he expects to complete the transfer of England's most gifted midfielder player from Tottenham Hotspur "within the next couple of days".

Houllier intimated that the fee would be substantially lower than the figure that had initially been proposed. Although he preferred not to disclose the amount, which suggests that full agreement has not yet been reached, he said that it would be "anything from £450,000 and upwards, but far from £1 million".

Neither Hoddle's price, which is a fraction of those paid for Rush, Lineker and Hughes for Russia, nor his apparent choice of an unambitious club, compared to the likes of Juventus and Barcelona, should be surprising. During the protracted negotiations in foreign fields, two factors were held against him.

The first, and the most significant, was his advanced age. A couple of months after the start of next season he will be 30, a statistic which indicates that he is fast approaching the dusk of his career. Of the current English squad, for example, only Reid and Shilton are older.



Hoddle: New challenge at 30

Mortimore also pointed out that expensive acquisitions must provide more than artistic decoration. In a game where the desire for success sadly and

increasingly overshadows the need for entertainment, Hoddle's contribution can be ineffective on the pitch, even though it is invariably attractive for those assembled around it.

Hoddle has never concealed his intention to prove, and indeed improve, himself on the playgrounds of Europe. He is sure to be given more room and more time there, although his performances for at least the forthcoming season will be confined within the boundaries of France.

Houllier, who was once a teacher of English in Liverpool, immediately led Paris St Germain to the domestic title, but last season they finished no higher than seventh. He is now attempting to build a new challenge by linking Hoddle with his other foreign player, Calderon, a forward from Argentina.

EEC plan threatens the game

From David Miller, Zurich

The drain of the best players away from Football League clubs to foreign fields, will become accelerated if the EEC have their way on June 30. At a meeting in Brussels, the football authorities will be demanded to allow free movement of all players throughout the Community.

Yesterday the international governing body, FIFA, moved into the battle lines, previously tamed by the European governing body, UEFA. Jacques Georges, the amiable but ageing UEFA president, has resisted the EEC's unthinking desire to achieve conformity of "football workers".

Sepp Blatter, the FIFA general secretary, said after yesterday's discussions here: "The implication affects the whole world, and especially agreements between Europe and Latin America. This is political interference, which we do not accept."

The immediate alarm is that because Brazilians, Argentines, Chileans and Paraguayans can obtain dual passports in Portugal and Spain, they will be free to move throughout the Community.

But the long-term concern is the destruction of club football in Europe. Clubs would become a random jumble of nationalities. Youth schemes would be abandoned, because the vanguard of young players would be blocked by foreigners.

"There are already exceptions for actors, singers and dancers. We shall stand our ground," Blatter said.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Table listing various sports fixtures including CRICKET (Benson and Hedges Cup), SQUASH RACKETS (Dunlop Champion of Champions), HARROGATE (Glanrhy v Gloucestershire), and OTHER SPORT (CROQUET, SPEEDWAY).

SPORT ON TV RACING: 2.45, 3.15, 3.45 and 4.15 races from York; 3.30, 3.50 and 4.00 races from Ascot; 2.30pm. INTERNATIONAL TENNIS: Stella Artois championships; Queen's Club, London; 8.00-2.15pm. SHOOT POOL: Dry Blackstone Club London championship from Dartford. TV: 11.15pm (not Scotland).

Spinks's mentor is determined to prove his critics wrong again
'Crazy' manager with gift of producing millionaires

From Srikanar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, Atlantic City

Like Jimmy Durante's 'mule', Louie, in the song 'The Last Chord', he said Butch Lewis was mad. Who's Lewis? He is the millionaire manager of Michael Spinks and promoter who dresses in expensive suits without shirts. But that is not why they say he is mad. After all in the land of the free one is entitled to feel completely free even in a formal dinner suit.

No, Lewis was crazy to go through with the People's Championship between Spinks, the heavyweight champion stripped by the International Boxing Federation and Gerry Cooney, a 6ft 7in, 232-pound Irish-American who has boxed only seven rounds in five years.

Mad too, because Lewis did not have the approval of Don King, the promoter of the world Heavyweight Series, or the blessing of the world bodies, the WBC, WBA and IBF, disparagingly known as 'The Alphabet'.

They said that Lewis was mad when he put his man, Leon Spinks up against Muhammad Ali. Spinks won, and after three more contests made \$8 million. Lewis "was an idiot" to match Michael Spinks, when world light-heavyweight champion, against Larry Holmes, the heavyweight champion. Michael Spinks won, beating Holmes again in a rematch, and he too became a millionaire.

But now Lewis has got to be careful. His record is not as good as he would like it to be. He is going "slow as hell" and he will not allow his exhibitors to use racial publicity to boost sales. It worked

wonders for the Holmes-Cooney bout in 1982.

According to Lewis, King lit the blue touch paper and stepped well back. Box office records were broken, so too were some windows and heads and some people were reported to have come round to Holmes's place with shotguns.

"I won't have that," Lewis said yesterday. "It got real ugly in the

Lewis's manager with golden touch



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cinemas and two people were killed in Boston. Besides, Michael Spinks and Gerry Cooney don't want it. They don't say "I'll tear up his pretty face" or that sort of thing.

Lewis said that one of his exhibitors with sites in four southern states had tried to cash in on race publicity but he stopped it. "He came here with a publicity tape that he was putting through the local radio stations. The tape ended up by saying 'Be there for the pride of your

"He said 'We got a lot of publicity because there was so many complaints from listeners. If you can do that nationally you'll zip out.'"

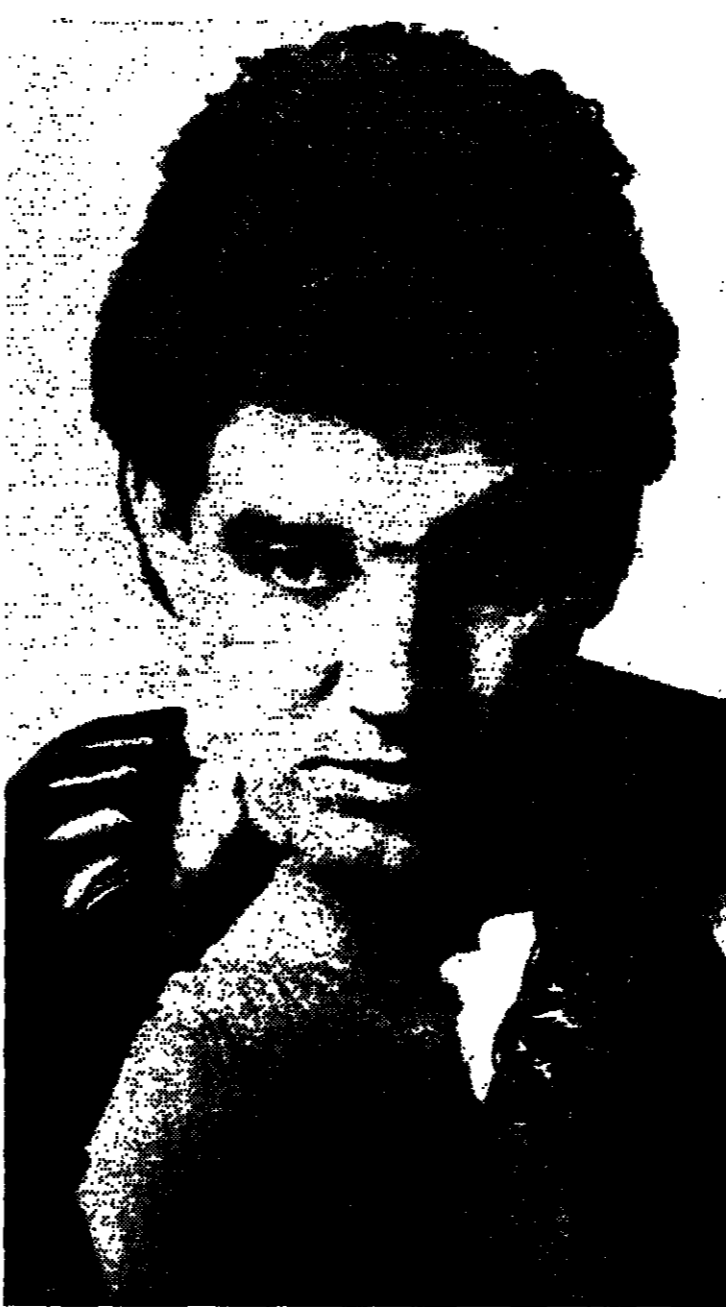
"I said 'Man, it's dynamite, but dynamite', I told him that when people see that Cooney is definitely going to fight they will come. I have told my staff and PR men we are not promoting fights to attract racists."

Lewis had to cut his sites from 600 to 550 but the 17,000 capacity Convention Center is sold out and he revealed that two presidents of "The Alphabet" have agreed for complimentary tickets for the bout. "Everybody is coming to the show. Because they know the winner gets to fight Tyson for megabucks and we just keep making lemons into lemonade," Lewis said.

After Monday's contest the world bodies are still not convinced that the winner is "the direct linear champion from John L. Sullivan" they will consider Lewis beyond redemption when he produces his own world championship belt for the winner.

"Take a look at this and you won't want those plastic belts of 'The Alphabet'," Lewis said, unveiling a belt with a golden eagle looking down on a field of diamonds and rubies. They gleamed madly. Joe Bugner will resume his comeback campaign by meeting Trevor Berbick, the former WBC heavyweight champion, in Sydney on July 24. Bill Morley, the promoter, said yesterday.

The contest will be the third for the Australia-based Bugner, aged 39, in his attempt at another shot at a world title.



Cooney: refuses to take part in racist stunts to promote contest

GOLF

Torrance is well placed to challenge Clark for lead

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, St Cloud

Howard Clark retained his lead in the Peugeot French Open with a second round of 68 on the St Cloud course here yesterday. He was 12 under par and leads by one shot from Sam Torrance (67). Joey Sindelar, of the United States, and Hugh Baiocchi, of South Africa, scored 64 and 66 respectively to be on 134.

Clark began his second round with two birdies and he was content after that to stay in the driving seat as he was hard pressed throughout by Torrance. Clark, however, is a difficult player to dislodge when at the top of the leader board but Torrance promises to do a considerable amount, as do Sindelar and Baiocchi, over the next two days.

Sindelar almost forfeited the opportunity to show his talent through his fear of flying. "I am not the best at 38,000 feet," he said. "I caught some high turbulence flights a couple of years back and I now drive myself to tournaments in the States. I was waiting at the airport to come here and I came close to changing my mind. But my wife wanted to see Paris so I climbed on board."

This being only his second tournament back, Sindelar tried to have played so well. The three wood into the wind at the second with which he depos-

Rule which would contrive a lottery out of a mild farce

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

When no play was possible at Headingley yesterday, in the unfinished but not yet finished test between Yorkshire and Surrey, the possibility took shape that the strong position which Yorkshire established on Wednesday could yet count for nothing.

If it was again today, the time may come when the umpires encourage the present score and order either a new match to be started or, as a last resort, ask for five members from each side to bowl two balls each at three stumps at a distance of 22 yards, which is cricket's equivalent of soccer's penalty shoot-out.

What prevented play yesterday was an irritatingly persistent drizzle. For much of the time old, bald men stood happily out in it, chatting bareheaded. Whenever, until tea, the ground staff started to remove the covers, it began to rain more in earnest. After tea, when it was dry but grey, blankets were produced with which to try and dry a couple of wet strips at the side of the pitch - caused as much by condensation as precipitation.

Finally, after frequent inspections and many a show of "rubbish" from the 500 or so people who were there, the umpires sent everyone home. All this was much to Yorkshire's frustration, being as they were decidedly better placed than Surrey in the match as it stands at present. With 38 overs left, Surrey need another 198 to win, and Smith, Stewart and Lynch are out. Thus Greig's reluctance to play last night and Carrick's eagerness to do so. By the time the umpires sided with Greig it had all become, I'm afraid, something of a farce.

The relevant rules of the competition are these: "If at any time on the last

day (in this case today) the umpires are satisfied that there is insufficient time to complete a definite result or, where applicable, for the team batting second to complete its 55 overs, and provided that the team batting second has not already received 20 overs or more, they shall order a match to be started, allowing an equal number of overs per side, bearing in mind the time remaining for play until 7.0 pm."

"In the event of no result being obtained within this time, the captains should, if circumstances outdoors or indoors permit, agree to the following form of contest to achieve a result: five cricketers from each team will bowl overarm, two batsmen each, at three stumps, at a distance of 22 yards. And the team scoring the greater number of hits shall be the winner. If the scores are equal, the same cricketers will bowl one ball each alternately to achieve a result on a 'sudden death' basis. If circumstances outdoors or indoors permit, the above form of contest is possible, the match shall be decided by the toss of a coin."

If another three overs had been bowled either on Wednesday, when play could not be started until 2 o'clock, or yesterday, thus constituting a match, there would have been no need to consider such contingencies.

The more contrived the form of lottery the result becomes. This being so, Yorkshire could hardly be keen to continue with the game that has already started.

Dilley is denied fitness test

By Alan Lee

Graham Dilley was denied the opportunity of establishing his fitness for next week's second Test at Lord's when steady rain in Hampshire on Wednesday and Tilton Trophy semi-final to the same watery fate as the first.

Dilley had planned to use the match to persuade himself and the England selectors of his recovery from strained muscles in his left forearm. In the event, he was permitted just two deliveries, off a three-pate run-up, as the place in today's final against Gloucestershire was decided by another single-stump bowling contest. Gloucestershire winning by three strikes to two.

Although Dilley hit the stump once, his Worcestershire side went out, Glamorgan's Simon West scoring with both his attempts. So, with no match today and the England selectors being, tonight, they drove hastily back to Worcester, where he will have a full-scale test session this morning.

Plainly frustrated he said: "I have not been able to prove anything because the weather has been so bad. I'm not having a rest for a week now."

"All I can say so far is that I feel a lot better than I did last week, when it even hurt me to breathe. I hope to have a decent bowl tomorrow, indoors if necessary, and then I will contact Micki Stewart, the manager, to tell him how I feel."

Ian Botham reported to Harrogate with a similar, though slight, side strain and took no part in the proceedings, saying: "It is just a precaution to make sure I am fit for the weekend and for the Test."

The West Indian all-rounder Eldine Baptiste has a strained side and groin and joins the England all-rounder Richard Ellison as well as Kevin Jarvis and Alan Jaggeson on the casualty list.

Captain Chris Cowdrey will play despite an ankle injury but he said: "I'm not likely to bowl. We've got to consider looking for some way

Pakistanis put clamp on Scots

By Alan Lee

Scotland were heading for defeat in a rain-restricted day in Glasgow yesterday after Pakistan's top order used the match for batting practice to total 203 for six after 42 overs.

The match received another curtailment when Scotland lost 1-5 in the 38th over. However this task still looked beyond the home batsmen as they crawled to 77 for four in 28 overs.

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VOLLEYBALL

England in 'mess'

By a Special Correspondent

Peter Guernari, the caretaker coach of the England men's team, has kept faith with the squad that finished bottom of the European championship qualifying group in Finland last month for the first home international championships in Belfast next weekend.

Guernari, who is temporarily in charge since the unexpected resignation of Sava Medoned, the head coach, last weekend, said: "The whole thing is a bit of a mess just now. It's not the best preparation for the home championships - the most difficult thing will be trying to raise the spirit of the squad."

Nick Moody, the Scotland coach, will name his squad after training in Glasgow tonight. The

MOON

Moon and glass glow in sunshine

From John Hennessy

Elizabeth Glass, born of Scottish parents in Ziering, 26 years ago today, and Susan Moon, born of English parents in Palm Springs a year or so later, seized the initiative on the first day of the Belgian Godiva women's open championship yesterday. They both scored 69, four under par, over the Royal Waterloo course, to lead by one shot from Brenda Lunsford, of the United States, and by two from Maxine Burton, a former English girls' champion from London, who was 71. Neighy Misses Glass and Moon are regarded as exceptionally long hitters, yet the course had to be shortened some 200 yards, to 6,000 yards, in response to some players' complaints that, as a result of persistent rain in the last four weeks, it was playing unacceptably long. Preferred lies were allowed.

Both players owed their scores to strong finishes: the diminutive Miss Glass receding off three birdies in the 17th and Miss Moon following suit from the 16th. Miss Glass, who was two over par going out, sole three from the 10th and 11th, thanks to her trusty eight iron and putter, and so came home in 31.

Her best finish in five years on the tour is fifth, at Haigh Hill last season. "Maybe," she said yesterday, "this is the start of something big. It would be a lovely birthday present."

Miss Moon's round, in blissful conditions of bright sunshine, was rock-like; not one shot dropped to par, bringing a sporting connotation to Shakespeare's "O constant moon."

MISS MOON'S ROUND: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

GOLF

Sweet revenge for Masters

By Alan Booth

Gillian Masters, who took up golf seriously only three years ago, provided the shock of the British Women's Amateur championship at Royal St David's Harlech yesterday when she beat the former English champion, Linda Bayman, to reach the semi-final.

Mrs Masters, one down after six holes and trailing until squaring the match with a birdie at the 17th against the expert, Great Britain international, won the battle of the 39-year-olds with a par three when Mrs Bayman three-putted the 18th green for a one over par final score when Mrs Bayman missed from seven feet to keep the match alive.

In today's semi-final Mrs Masters will meet Scottish champion Cope Anderson who accounted for England international Carole Caldwell two and one in the first round and then beat Sally Prosser four and three in the afternoon.

Vicki Thomas, Welsh champion and Curtis Cup player, was another to suffer a close defeat when she went down by one

ROGERS

Rogers sets his sights on full England cap

By Patricia Davies

Andrew Rogers, winner of the Frilford Heath Gold Medal on Wednesday, will be hoping for similar success next month when he returns to the Oxfordshire club for the English Amateur Championship.

Rogers, aged 21, is the Middlesex county champion and plays off plus one at Ealing. He represented England at Youth International level last year and has his heart set on a full cap. "I may consider turning professional in due course," he admits, "but I'd like to play for my country first."

Against a strong field, Rogers really won his title with his first round, a 70, three under par, on the longer Red Course, which drew murmurs of admiration from fellow competitors who had tangled with the lush rough more often than Rogers. He missed only two fairways in the morning.

In the afternoon he was three

TOP SEEDINGS

Top seedings reach the final eight

The British Ryder Cup players Brian Barnes, aged 47, and Brian Barnes, aged 42, have justified their seedings by reaching the last eight of the Irish international professional matchplay championship at Knocknallyn golf and country club in County Kildare.

In the fourth round this morning, Barnes will face Paul Leonard while Waite takes on Oliver Eckstein, aged 18 of West Goswold, who scored a one-hole victory after being dromed third against Peter Hanna.

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YACHTING</

Players on the boil over SA ban

By Andrew Longmore

Players would be prepared to take action should the right to work in South Africa be infringed by an International Cricket Conference (ICC) proposal...

He added that, even if the proposal, which seeks to ban anyone who plays or coaches in South Africa from international cricket, is blocked by the ICC at their special meeting on June 26, the issue would not go away.

Cook is in London today to attend a special meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) at which the TCCB's attitude to the proposal will be discussed.

"I am not going to threaten the TCCB, who have always agreed with our stance," Cook said. "I am going to represent the up-to-date view of the Association, which is that individuals should have the right to choose where they go to play. The players have always accepted the Glencaples Agreement...

"Cricketers guard their status very jealously and though nobody wants to see a split or a strike they are determined to defend their rights. A strike would be a very radical move but they would be prepared to take some action if those rights were being infringed."

Though it seems unlikely that there will be any need for such extremes, as the ICC seem certain to block the ban, the fact that a strike is being talked about at all is indication of the strength of feeling among county cricketers, not generally regarded as militants.

"Players feel that they are being pushed into a corner at the moment," Simon Hughes, the Middlesex representative on the CA, says. "They seem to be unanimous in their opposition to the West Indies proposal and not surprisingly, a lot of the young players in particular depend on a winter in South Africa to make ends meet during the off-season."

A player can earn at least £3,000 for a winter, coaching in schools and playing club cricket, as well as getting a free car, accommodation, living expenses and air fares.

Hughes, however, is critical of the attitude of many players towards their own Association. "Players tend to think that a ban would never happen, but the West Indies are trying to make it happen - if not now, then sooner or later - and it is about time that cricketers stood up and made their views known," he said.

Geoff Cook has a similar message for the Association's members: "We would be far stronger and more representative if everyone turned up at meetings to give their views," he said.

Becker serves up strong warning for Wimbledon

By David Powell

Boris Becker delivered a powerful argument yesterday to suggest that he is ready to win the Wimbledon men's singles title three times before his twentieth birthday. Becker, who begins the defence of his title in 10 days' time, has reached the quarter-finals of the Stella Artois Championship at Queen's Club without dropping a set and after his 6-4, 6-4 defeat of the American, John Sadri, he announced he was fitter and stronger than ever.

Becker has had a difficult time this year with just two tournament victories in nine attempts and the break-up with his coach, Gunther Bosch, but, with Frank Dick, the director of coaching for the British athletics team, now in charge of his fitness, the 19-year-old West German is timing his Wimbledon build-up to perfection.

"I'm definitely a much better player than I was a year ago," Becker said. "Frank Dick has improved my footwork and my general strength. I'm fitter than I've ever been."

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The RFU's administrative secretary, Lieutenant-Colonel Denis Morgan, has been in England throughout the tournament and has been less than impressed by the BBC package. "As a major sporting event it would have given a regular slot," he said.

"There have been grumbles about this, but to our offices over the last couple of weeks. I'm sure that there will be a reaction to not having the semi-final live."

In recent years Jonathan Martin, the head of BBC television sport, has grown used to the criticism of live rugby followers. He is sensitive to these latest charges, but counters them, saying: "The principle consideration is how many people we are broadcasting to, set against the cost involved in securing the domestic transmitter and starting the equipment at overtime rates."

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On the move: Valda Lake in practice for the big time

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Valda Lake has been awarded a wild-card entry into Wimbledon following her excellent performances this week at the Dow Chemical Classic at Edgbaston in which she has reached the third round. In addition, the British girl has received a wild-card entry into next week's Pilkington Glass event at Eastbourne.

Miss Lake, both in her manner and her tennis, is not given to emotional outbursts, but it was plain that inside she was absolutely thrilled. "It's the biggest thing that has happened to me, ever," she said. "I just keep smiling all the time and people are beginning to think I am weird, but it keeps coming out."

Victories over Provis and Kijimuta will raise Miss Lake from her current world ranking of 402 into the top 200, although that is some way towards the goal she set herself. "I wanted to reach the top 150 by the end of the year, but had begun to think I had set my sights too high," she said. "Now I am full of confidence."

Given a reasonable draw, it is unlikely she will let her supporters down. She enjoys playing, and with a first-class attitude is unlikely to buckle under the attention.

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First-day lead for Todd's legend. From Jenny MacArthur, Stockholm. Mark Todd, New Zealand's Olympic individual gold medal winner, is in the lead at the international three-day event here after an outstanding test on his legendary partner, Charisma, in yesterday's first day of dressage. The best British performance of the three riders who did their tests yesterday came from John Evans and D Cordwainer, who are lying fourth behind Bruce Davidson and Karen Reuter of the United States. Evans, who is based with the Range Rover team at Gatcombe Park but who is now looking for individual sponsorship, produced an authoritative, fluent test which belied his inexperience at this level of competition. Todd and Charisma are at the other end of the experience scale. They were runners-up at Badminton in 1984 and 1985 and have won all but one (last year's world championships) of the other six three-day events in which they have competed. Their most recent win was at Saumur in France last month. Yesterday, the 14-year-old New Zealand bred gelding, who is owned by Merrill Lynch Europe, looked as supple and as enthusiastic as he did when winning the individual gold medal at Los Angeles three years ago. Todd, who said he "couldn't have asked for any more" from the little horse (which is 15.3 hands high), hopes to defend his title with Charisma at the Seoul Olympics next year. Davidson, who also hopes to be at the Olympics, was pleased with the performance of his 11-year-old Noah - an inexperienced horse whose only previous advanced three-day event was at Chesterlands in Pennsylvania last year, when he won. Mrs Reuter surprised herself but not her supporters, with her third place on the magnificent, Irish-bred Arbour Hill. She attributes her improvement in dressage to her trainer, the American-based West German, Gird Zeuther. Mrs Reuter bought Arbour Hill (by Royal Buck) from the Swedish rider, Tommi Gretnere, who had discovered him at the Ballbridge sales in Ireland. The 17 hands-high horse likes a big, galloping course and will not be ideally suited to tomorrow's technical, twisty cross-country - unlike the agile Charisma. Mary Thomson, on King Boris, and Rachel Hunt, with Friday Fox, the other two British riders to compete yesterday, are lying eighth and ninth respectively. The skewball mare, Friday Fox, does not customarily shine at the dressage phase, but yesterday she was fluent and accurate and her 53 marks seemed on the harsh side. However, Miss Hunt, one of the most natural cross-country riders of her generation, will no doubt make up for that tomorrow. The pecking order is likely to be re-shuffled before then, however. Today several top riders, including Lucinda Green, on Shannagh, Virginia Leng, on Master Craftsman, and Davidson, on his top horse, J J Babu, perform their dressage tests. LEADING POSITIONS (after first day of dressage): 1. Charisma (M Todd, NZ), 25.8; 2. Noah (D Davidson, USA), 26.3; 3. Arbour Hill (R Reuter, USA), 22.6; 4. The Cordwainer (J Evans, GB), 22.2; 5. Newsworld (B Davidson, NZ), 21.6; 6. Voluntary (T Reuter, NZ), 21.2; 7. Tullinastey (J Thomson, NZ), 21.4; 8. King Boris (M Thomson, GB), 22.4; 9. Friday Fox (M Hunt, GB), 22.0; 10. Inside (J Thomson, Sweden), 22.2.

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